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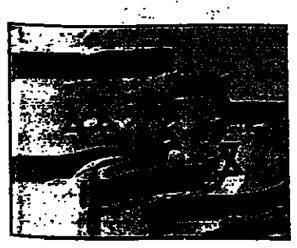

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Currency reform announced

By DAVID HARRIS

From next week, Israelis will be able to carry out any transaction in any currency at home or abroad, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman announced yesterday, at a press conference at Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's office (see story, Page 14).

Meanwhile, two foreign financial institutions issued shekel-denominated bonds on the European market for the first time.

The International Finance Corporation sold one-year bonds worth NIS 200 million, while Merrill Lynch sold a further NIS 175m., *Globes* reported.

The central bank's supervisor of foreign currency will next week issue a general permit enabling the following changes:

- Israelis will be allowed to freely invest overseas, including in real estate.
- Citizens and companies will be able to hold bank accounts abroad in shekels or foreign currency. Until now this had been restricted to exporters.
- All restrictions on quantities of unilateral transfers overseas will be abolished. This includes gifts and transfers abroad by residents who emigrated.
- Israelis will be able to make payments here to anyone by cash or check in any currency.
- Israelis will be able to take any sum of shekels out of the country.
- The need to provide documentation when carrying out a transaction in any currency with a non-resident with be abolished. However, documentation will be required at a later date for analyzing capital flow.
- Citizens will be able to use credit cards via overseas intermediaries and not just through local banks.

Along with the new measures, the government intends taxing interest on foreign accounts and on receipts from property rented out by Israelis overseas. Central bank officials say these measures will be put into effect once the required legislation is passed by the Knesset.

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Cairo summit yields 'gloom'

By JAY BUSHINSKY and STEVE RODAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's 90-minute summit in Cairo yesterday with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak produced a gloomy assessment of the regional peace process from his host. This was not only with regard to the Palestinian-Israeli track, but also regarding Syria's attitude toward renewing its dialogue with Israel, a government source said.

Disregarding the confidence evinced by Netanyahu upon his return that headway can be made if Mubarak exerts his influence on the Palestinian Authority, the source said the Egyptian leader views the current situation as "unsustainable" and discouraging Syrian President Hafez Assad from renewing the talks adjourned 14 months ago.

The source told of an unpublicized meeting between Mubarak and Assad in which the Syrian leader was said to have "deplored the humiliation to which Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat has been subjected for the past 12 months."

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Remembering

Etti Levy, widow of Maj. Binyamin Levy who fell in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, passes the torch to President Ezer Weizman after lighting the memorial flame at the Western Wall last night, at the beginning of Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars. Israel's 50th Independence Day starts at the end of Remembrance Day tonight. Story, Page 2. (Brian Hendler)

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KESHET BAYTEL

Israel celebrates 50 years

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Israel gets set to kick off its jubilee Independence Day celebrations tonight, as security forces beef up their presence throughout the country.

The nation bows its head today, Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars, as it remembers the 18,748 who died defending the state.

The Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday that Israel's population had grown more than sevenfold in the nation's 50 years, from 806,000 to 5,940,000.

Immigration was cited as major factor in the country's growth, with 2.7 million people, accounting for 43 percent of the population growth, having settled in Israel since its founding. Immigrants from the former Soviet Union make up 10.1% of the population.

The IDF has imposed a closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip until Sunday morning as a precautionary measure.

Remembrance Day began last night, and continues today, with official ceremonies at military cemeteries beginning after a two-minute siren sounds at 11:00 a.m. Places of entertainment, restaurants and cafes will be closed until tonight.

At last night's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, President Ezer Weizman and Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak ushered in the 24 hours of mourning.

"Israelis society is marking 50 years of great accomplishments, but this day serves as a reminder of the heavy price for this war of independence," said Shahak.

Today's main Remembrance Day ceremony will take place at Mt. Herzl; similar ceremonies will take place simultaneously at 41 military cemeteries around the country.

Independence Day celebrations begin tonight with the official torch-lighting ceremony on Mount Herzl at 7:45. Twelve beacons representing the 12 tribes will be lit to mark the close of Remembrance Day and the start of Independence Day.

In Jerusalem, thousands of additional policemen will be stationed throughout the city over the holiday.

"Jerusalem is always sensitive, especially on Independence Day," Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki said. "We have been planning the security for this holiday during the past half a year... and no event, stage or park will be left unprotected."

He said security would be particularly tight at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram stadium tomorrow night, when national leaders and guests from around the world, including US Vice President Al Gore, attend *Jubilee Bells*, the main entertainment event marking the anniversary.

Some 2,000 policemen, border policemen, Civil Guard volunteers and municipal inspectors, assisted by a helicopter and mounted rangers, will safeguard Independence Day events in Tel Aviv.

Some 800 picnic areas from Metulla to Eilat are expected to be packed tomorrow with holidaymakers, as will the country's roads.

Nature protection bodies are calling on hikers to take extra care, following the high number of accidents during the Pessah vacation.

Day-trippers should ensure they have sufficient water with them (between 2 to 5 liters per person) and wear head coverings and sturdy footwear.

With hot weather predicted, residents are also being asked to be extra careful with fire. Politics will also be felt tomorrow. A march and picnic is scheduled to take place at Har Homa, the controversial neighborhood under construction in southeast Jerusalem.

Peace Now has scheduled a counter-demonstration at 2:30 tomorrow at the site.

Other scheduled events tomorrow include the International Bible Quiz for Youth at the Jerusalem Theater, and the awarding of the Israel Prizes. Weizman will hold the traditional Independence Day reception for the diplomatic corps at his residence in the afternoon.

The sea, from Herzliya to Bat Yam, up to 10 kilometers offshore, will be closed from 10 a.m. to 2:45 p.m for the annual Israel Navy sail-past, to take place from 1 to 2:15. Yachts, motor and sail boats, sea scooters and surfers will not be allowed to leave the shore.

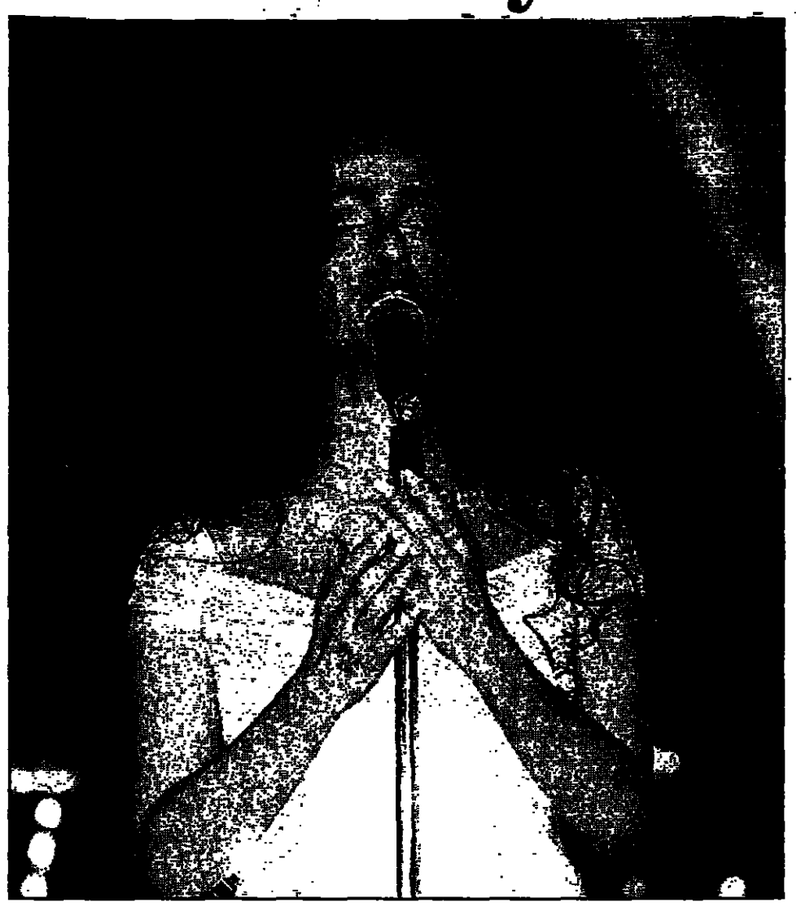
The streets adjacent to the shore will be closed.

In another of those "who-would-have-imagined-50-years-ago" events, the Knesset will tomorrow open a special jubilee year spot on its Internet site (www.knesset.gov.il).

The site will list important events and decisions involving the Knesset from its inception until today.

The Nature Protection and National Parks Authority is running several special activities tomorrow, including free guided tours at many sites.

Lidi Collins and Michal Yudelman contributed to this report.



Rita, who is to sing the national anthem at tomorrow night's 'Jubilee Bells' event in Jerusalem, rehearses yesterday. (Efraim Kikstok)

Uproar over Yizhar's Remembrance Day speech

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Author and educator S. Yizhar (Yizhar Smilansky) yesterday apologized for his speech at Tel Aviv University's ceremony for Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars.

Yizhar said in his address there could have been peace in the region if not for the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and called on the younger generation not to accept the current situation.

"There could have been peace in the region. Have you heard? We could have already had peace in this country, had not Rabin been murdered," he said. "Now that peace was within our reach, young people, why do you accept it? It's your life. Let us rise and make it happen ourselves, let us bring peace on us and on all of Israel, and say Amen."

Yizhar added there could be no settlement without a painful price, "but nothing is more painful than the price of war. The dearest concession is cheaper than war if you think about human beings and not about land: about life, rather than percents of earth and stone."

Yizhar stressed he did not want to talk of politics, "but is it politics if we could prevent a situation in which a soldier dies every week? Is it politics to ask why there is no peace and why soldiers fall?"

At the end of Yizhar's statement, some parents rose and screamed at him, urging the other parents to leave. "Shame on you, this is not election day," one mother shouted. "I want a free state and no one will tell me who and what to give back," yelled another. "It's disgusting," shouted another.

But most of the parents remained seated for the rest of the ceremony and some expressed support for Yizhar's statement and applauded.

Yizhar later apologized to any of the parents or families he may have hurt, stressing he had no idea talking about peace could arouse such fury.

"I had no intention of hurting the bereaved families and I'm really sorry if I hurt anyone," Yitzhar said to Israel Radio. "I'm still wondering what they could have been offended by.

Erez Eshel, the spokesman of the Students Union, apologized to the parents in the name of the students.

Mahal volunteers arrive for jubilee

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

About 400 Mahal volunteers who fought for Israel's independence are converging on the state to mark its 50th anniversary.

The volunteers will be hosted by top IDF commanders and some will be visiting the old units in which they served.

Around 4,500 men and women from 29 countries in the free world came to Palestine in 1947 and 1948 to help. Most went back after the war, but some 500 of them settled here. Another 119 were killed, including four women. The Mahal volunteers were crucial in setting up the fledgling navy, air force and medical corps.

The Mahal visitors and some of those who stayed will be meeting at Beit Hatefutsoth on the campus of Tel Aviv University today at 3:30 p.m. in the Duhl Auditorium.

They will be hosted by Chief of the General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo.

"Throughout the week the Mahal volunteers will be guests at their old units, including the navy and air force," said Murray Greenfield, a Mahal volunteer who stayed here and helped organize the gathering.

Greenfield said they found that there was a lack of knowledge of the Mahal's contribution among the younger generations in Israel.

"The upper echelon know about us and wanted to do the right thing by us," Greenfield said, who came from New York City. "But the junior officers don't all know what Mahal was. This is like one of those dark secrets. We talked about it. That is one of the reasons to get this story into the press. They don't know that nearly 4,500 people came to help the Jewish state," said Greenfield, author of *The Jew's Secret Fleet*.

Some of the most notable Mahal volunteers were Paul Schulman, the first commander of the Israel Navy and David "Mickey Stone" Marcus, who commanded troops in the battle for Jerusalem but was killed accidentally by an IDF sentry.

A true success story

By HERB KEINON

When David Ben-Gurion declared the establishment of the state a half century ago, many people doubted it would last 50 days, let alone 50 years.

Not only did Israel survive those harrowing 50 days, it has thrived for 50 years – a feat all the more impressive considering the country was born in armed conflict and has remained in that state ever since.

In the jubilee run-up, much has been written about a lack of joy in the air. Some attribute this to apprehension about the peace process, others to concern about domestic divisions.

But this blase attitude may be something else entirely – a manifestation of normalcy. As people grow older, birthdays lose their luster. It is not as if people are any less excited to be alive, but that the birthdays – even milestone years – become routine. So too with states.

Jubilee apathy may stem less from disillusionment with the country's direction, and more from a feeling of "another birthday? Okay, now what." Though that sentiment sounds ungrateful, it actually epitomizes Israel's success. That the country's existence, as it enters its 51st year, is considered by most as the natural order of things – a given, no big deal –demonstrates just how far the Jewish state has traveled.

Those born before the state, and to a lesser extent those born outside it, know what a real difference Israel's existence has had on the Jewish condition everywhere. Those born during the last 50 years, and especially those born in Israel, only have a vague idea. To them it is natural that Jews direct their own destiny and deal with statehood's moral dilemmas.

The Zionist dream of building a "normal" country does not have to mean a nation like all others. Perhaps it means a nation whose very existence is considered part of the natural, normal, order of world. In that case, Israel has succeeded.

It has succeeded through 50 years of unceasing activity: building, creating, defending, attacking, sowing, reaping. It is as if the Jews who congregated on their ancient soil after being stateless for 2,000 years, decided to cram as much into the first half-century as possible; partly to make up for lost time and partly out of fear that if this unique effort fails, a second chance may not present itself for another two millennium.

In five decades Israel has created democratic instruments of state, tilled the land, absorbed refugees, built a powerful army, rejuvenated Jewish learning, developed a robust economy, and revitalized an ancient tongue. All this without one day of absolute peace.

These achievements have demanded a mind-boggling pace that remains mind-boggling to this day. Event follows event in machine-gun, rat-a-tat-tat fashion: war, peace, elections, uprisings, assassination, scandals, terror. The country knows no quiet.

The tempo and vitality resulting from the maddening pace is one attraction of living here. Another is taking part in the formation of the state. This process of state formation is what gives the country's internal quarrels their air of import.

Humorist Ephraim Kishon said recently that in hyper-critical Israel, the country's faults and imperfections are all magnified. It is, he said, like looking at an arm through a magnifying glass and seeing a gruesome mass of bumps and follicles. But move the magnifying glass away, and a wondrous arm appears. Step away from the daily problems that plague Israel, Kishon said, and what emerges is one of the true success stories of the 20th century.

But success does not come without failure. Israel has known its failures. The euphoria of the early years has waned. The idea that we were on the fast-tract to utopia has given way to a more realistic image of ourselves. The Jewish state has taught us that, in many ways, Jews are just like everyone else.

But amid all this realism we should not lose site of the tremendous accomplishments – and there have been many. The next two days afford us a chance to step back and celebrate those accomplishments, to take a moment and see the forest for the trees.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. On the agenda: "Where were you 50 years ago?"

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PM to meet Annan on Lebanon pullout bid

By DAVID RUDGE

Israel's proposal to pull the IDF out of south Lebanon under UN Security Council Resolution 425 is expected to be the main topic of discussion in a meeting between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan in two weeks.

News of the planned meeting comes amid reports that the government's initiative is gaining momentum, despite continued opposition from Syria and its proxy Lebanon.

According to reports in the Lebanese press, a special working group has been established by the UN, on Annan's instructions, to examine how the organization might become involved in the event the proposal becomes reality. One scenario being examined is the possibility UNIFIL might have to be expanded and its troops given additional training.

Meanwhile, Labor MK Yossi Beilin, who met with Annan in New York on Monday, told Army Radio yesterday the secretary-general is considering sending a special envoy to the region to discuss the 425 option with the respective parties.

The reports have caused some consternation in Damascus and Beirut, with Syria insisting that neither it nor Lebanon will accept anything less than an unconditional Israeli withdrawal.

Israel is seeking prior arrangements that would guarantee the security of northern communities as well as the safety and wellbeing of South Lebanese Army personnel and their families before implementation of a withdrawal, under the terms of Resolution 425.

Lebanese newspapers reported recently that Syria and Lebanon are expected to launch a diplomatic offensive to counter any attempts to amend the resolution or accept Israel's interpretation of its terms, especially in light of the fact that UNIFIL's mandate is due for renewal in July.

Meanwhile, the IDF doctor seriously wounded in the security zone on Monday, Lt. Tal Ami-Bar from Mevasseret Zion, is being treated in the intensive care unit of the neurosurgical ward of Haifa's Rambam Hospital. He regained consciousness yesterday and his condition was reported to be improved, but still serious.

The five soldiers wounded with him are all suffering from light injuries and two are expected to be released today.

President Ezer Weizman visited the wounded yesterday and praised the crew of the IAF helicopter that plucked Ami-Bar and two other wounded to safety under fire. Weizman said the crew deserves medals for their bravery.

Four SLA soldiers were also lightly wounded during the fighting on Monday and at least two Hizbullah gunmen were believed to have been killed and several others wounded.

Lebanon has lodged a complaint with the Grapes of Wrath monitoring group over the wounding of a young woman by IDF shelling during the heavy exchanges. Israel has complained that Hizbullah gunmen fired mortars and Katyusha rockets from inside or close to villages, including Yatar, Zibikin, and Majdal Zoun, all north of the zone.

The IDF Spokesman announced yesterday that an elite Egoz unit had been operating in the central sector of the security zone, in the Almane/Shomriya region on Monday and killed or wounded a number of Hizbullah gunmen.

Hizbullah and Amal fired dozens of mortar round at the Egoz soldiers. IDF artillery backed by helicopter gunships returned fire, enabling the Egoz unit to withdraw without suffering any casualties.

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday awarded a citation to the Egoz unit in recognition of its operations in south Lebanon. The anti-guerrilla unit was established about three years ago primarily to fight against Hizbullah in the zone's difficult terrain. Five soldiers from the unit have been killed in action, killing and wounding dozens of Hizbullah gunmen.

Israel, Poland form committee to test helicopter upgrade

By STEVE RODAN

Israel and Poland have ended a deadlock in negotiations on an $800 million contract to upgrade Polish helicopters, with both countries agreeing to establish a commission that would schedule a new series of missile tests for the project, officials said last night.

Israeli defense officials said the commission signalled a reversal of the new Polish government to freeze an October 13 memorandum of understanding that committed Polish and Israeli companies to complete negotiations that would equip the Huzar helicopter with Israeli anti-tank missiles and avionics.

The avionics would be provided by prime contractor Elbit Systems Ltd., the missiles by Rafael Israel Armament Weapons Authority, and the laser-target designator by El-Op Electro-Optics Industries.

Officials said the agreement to establish a commission came during a meeting on Friday between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his Polish counterpart Jerzy Buzek. They said it marked the first agreement by the new Polish government to reconsider its refusal to recognize the contract award to Israel by the previous Warsaw government.

The officials said the commission will discuss the amount of technology Israel will transfer to Poland in the Huzar upgrade contract. The panel is to be completed by May 15 and it will be headed on the Israeli side by Maj.- Gen. (res.) Yossi Ben-Hanan, head of the Defense Ministry's arms export agency, Sibat.

For their part, Polish officials assert that the commission will focus on conducting a series of tests by Rafael's NT-D anti-tank missile. Polish Defense Minister Jausz Onyszkiewicz said both Israeli and Polish officials had agreed in Friday's talks that more tests of the missile were needed.

Onyszkiewicz said that the NT-D tests conducted in January 1997 were inconclusive about whether they fulfilled Poland's needs. He said the new tests should be conducted in Poland.

Israeli officials said they would not object to moving the test site to Poland. But they said they did not want the tests to significantly delay the start of the Huzar upgrade.

"This has never been a problem," a defense source involved in the negotiations said. "What we don't want is that the tests be used to justify another long delay."

The *Zycie Warszawy* daily yesterday, in a report from Tel Aviv, quoted the heads of the Israeli consortium as saying, "Only a miracle could fulfill Israeli hopes for the modernization of the Polish Huzar helicopter."

Zalman Shoval appointed as envoy to US for second time

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Zalman Shoval (Ariel Jerozolimsky)

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday named Zalman Shoval as Israel's next ambassador to the United States, recalling that he "fulfilled that role with great success in the past" and predicting he would once again.

The announcement, made at a news conference that dealt mainly with the government's foreign currency reforms, coincided with Shoval's 68th birthday.

"I accept with humility," said the veteran diplomat, Likud activist and businessman. Netanyahu made the appointment in his current capacity as foreign minister, a post he has held since David Levy's resignation in January.

Shoval will replace the incumbent envoy, Eliahu Ben-Elissar, who is being reassigned as ambassador to France to succeed Avi Pazner this summer. Netanyahu praised Ben-Elissar as well. "He is an excellent ambassador who enjoys my full confidence," he said.

Asked about a local press report that the Washington assignment, regarded as the most important in Israeli diplomacy, had been earmarked for the IDF's chief of staff, Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, the Prime Minister responded: "Where do you get such nonsense?"

Shoval served as ambassador to the US from 1990 to 1993 under Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. He will be exempt from the usual procedures designed for political appointees because he was confirmed by the Foreign Ministry body concerned eight years ago.

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NEWS
in brief

Two remanded in alleged gang rape

A border policeman was arrested yesterday on suspicion he was involved in a gang rape of a tourist at the Underground nightclub in Jerusalem several weeks ago. He was remanded yesterday for five days by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court. Jerusalem police chief Cmdr. Yair Yitzhaki ordered the club closed for 30 days. On Monday, Danny Charnet, 23, who had worked for several years at the club, was remanded on suspicion he had also participated. Both Charnet and the border policeman admit to having sex with the woman, but claim it was with her consent. *Itim*

Kahalani apologizes for racist comments on Thais

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday apologized to Thai diplomats for the racist statements made, among others, by Labor Minister Eli Yishai, about Thais and foreign workers last week, following the arrest of Thai worker Korbua Sumbat on suspicion of murdering Yamit Regev of Kibbutz Na'an. In the ambassador's absence, Kahalani invited the Thai charge d'affaires and consul to his office and expressed the country's appreciation of the Thai workers' contribution, noting they are very dedicated. *Michal Yudelman*

State must meet May 2 Pollard deadline

An attempt by the state to defer the next hearing on a petition from convicted spy Jonathan Pollard to the High Court of Justice was thwarted yesterday by Pollard's Jerusalem lawyer, Larry Dub. The State Attorney's Office had asked for 15 more days to prepare its response to a court order giving it until May 2 to show why it should not recognize Pollard as an agent of the state. According to one source, while most ministers would like to work out a formula to satisfy Pollard's demand for recognition as an agent, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai still objects to formal recognition. *Batsheva Tsur*

Senior officer acquitted of financial irregularities

Brig.-Gen. David Tzur, the outgoing head of the IDF's Liaison Unit with Foreign Forces, was found innocent of four counts of financial malfeasance. He had a disciplinary trial before Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkenazy, assistant to the deputy chief of general staff. According to military sources, the army investigated Tzur when a senior officer in the unit was discharged after he was found guilty of stealing money. Sources in the unit said the accusations were a revenge attack by the discharged officer. Despite the charges, IDF prosecutors had ruled that he could be promoted. Tzur today becomes OC Intelligence Corps. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Vilna'i, Mofaz meet PM today

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday the decision on the next chief of general staff will be announced shortly after Independence Day and that he will meet today with the two front runners.

Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i and Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz met separately yesterday with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who said he would make his decision over the weekend.

Sources said that the meetings between the generals and the minister were basically one-sided conversations. Each candidate presented his case and the defense minister did not make any promises as to who would replace Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, who steps down on July 9.

The two are to meet with the premier today. Netanyahu said the decision on the next head of the IDF would not be made before he spoke with Vilna'i, a childhood friend, and Mofaz. Mordechai's preferred choice.

Mordechai met over a long lunch yesterday in Tel Aviv with Labor Party leader Ehud Barak. A Defense Ministry statement said the meeting with the former chief of general staff dealt with security matters.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani threw his backing behind Vilna'i, saying he has a better record. Kahalani was careful to note that the decision is up to the minister of defense, but said it was important for all ministers to express their opinions.

Mordechai has said that no lobby or media campaign will influence his decision, which he maintains will be completely on the basis of merit.

Likud candidate wins Kiryat Shmona mayoral race

By DAVID RUDGE

Likud's Haim Barbevai, as expected, was elected mayor of Kiryat Shmona in the municipal elections that were held in the northern town on Monday.

Barbevai won with 4,587 votes, over 3,000 more than second place independent Leah Ehrlich, with Gesher's candidate, former Labor Party member Herzl Ben-Asher, in third place with under 1,000 votes.

The Likud retained its place as the biggest party on the town council, winning four of the 15 seats, including that of mayor, with three going to the National Religious Party and two to Shas, Yisrael Ba'aliya and Ehrlich's independent group. Gesher, headed by Ben-Asher, and Labor each won one seat on the new town council.

The Third Way, Tsomet and three independent parties, including that of former municipality spokesman Yoram Even-Tsur, failed to cross the threshold.

The overall turnout was relatively low (60 percent), with 8,905 out of the 14,750 eligible voters actually casting their ballots for mayor and the town council seats.

Tammy Mishan, who served as secretary to former mayor Prosper Azran – whose resignation brought about the early municipal elections – said the campaign had been quiet and dignified for the most part.

"The low voter turnout was evident, however, although in many cases people were registered who do not live here anymore," said Mishan, who is continuing as head of the mayor's office under the new incumbent.

Barbevai said one of his first tasks would be to try and encourage investment in the town, in terms of tourism and new industry, and improve the higher education infrastructure.

He said the threat of Katyusha rocket attacks was less of a problem than the fact that many young people left the town to study at universities and later found jobs elsewhere.

Miracle baby

Prof. Aby Lewin, of Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem (left) [illegible] and Orit Ohayon as they greet their new son, the first Israeli baby to be fathered by [illegible] tile man with Klinefelter's syndrome, an abnormal condition affecting one out of 500 males. The healthy, 3.25-kilo baby, born yesterday, was produced by a complex process that involved the removal of sperm from a testicle, in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and pre-implantation diagnosis of the embryo to ensure it was not affected by the disease. So far, only two such babies have been born in the US and two others in Belgium. Lewin, of the obstetric/gynecology department's IVF unit, presided over the treatment, along with colleagues Dr. Binyamin Raubinof and Dr. Anat Safran, in cooperation with the hospital's genetics department. The father had until now been completely infertile due to the syndrome, in which the body cells contain one or more extra X chromosomes. (Text: Judy Siegel; photo: Avi Hayoun)

Gag order lifted in Bassiouny suit

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

A Tel Aviv judge has lifted the gag order barring publication of the details in the case of the Tel Aviv belly dancer who is suing Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny for an alleged attempted rape.

Magistrate Court Judge Dan Arbel ruled yesterday that the media could publish the details of the NIS 1 million civil lawsuit brought by Shulamit Shalom, noting that in September, when criminal allegations were pending, the police themselves had asked for a gag order to be lifted.

The criminal case was subsequently dropped by the state prosecutor, after which Shalom filed a civil suit.

The Foreign Minority is attempting to have the case dismissed, claiming that Bassiouny has diplomatic immunity. A hearing on this matter will be held in two weeks.

Attorneys for the Foreign Ministry had requested the gag order, contending that Israeli Embassy personnel in Cairo could be harmed if the case would continue to be reported abroad.

They also argued that Israel's relations with Egypt were on the verge of collapsing over this case, and Bassiouny was threatening to return to Cairo.

Shalom's lawyer, Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, said yesterday that the judge's decision "is a landmark decision and a tremendous victory for freedom of speech and the right to a free press.

"This is the first time that a gag order brought by the government has been successfully defeated. The court recognized that there is no threat to national security or public safety merely because Bassiouny is an Egyptian diplomat has been accused in court of a sexual assault."

Darshan-Leitner argued that the Foreign Ministry had no factual basis for their allegations of the danger to Israel-Egyptian relations, and that they were simply abusing judicial discretion to close trials in politically sensitive cases.

The case had originally been investigated by police as a criminal action shortly after the incident allegedly took place on August 13, at the Ramat Gan apartment of Bassiouny's friend, Dr. Yehoshafat Shulman. Shulman has also been named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Police dropped the criminal case in October for lack of evidence. Bassiouny denied all charges and said the whole episode was part of a conspiracy against him.

The civil suit was filed in December.

Employers prepare for introduction of Sexual Harassment Law

By ESTHER HECHT

The Prevention of Sexual Harassment Law, which was still generating smirks and wisecracks when it was passed last month, has become an international hit.

"In the 50 years of the state, I don't know if there have been as many requests for copies of a law as for this one," MK Yael Dayan told the Knesset Status of Women Committee yesterday. The committee met in special session to discuss how the law would be implemented when it goes into effect on September 19.

According to Dayan the law is attracting interest abroad, partly because its passage coincided with the furor over US President Bill Clinton's alleged sexual relations with former White House aide Monica Lewinsky.

The real reason for the interest, however, is that it is the most wide-ranging sexual harassment law in the world.

Since the law holds employers responsible for preventing sexual harassment or adverse treatment arising from such harassment, representatives of the country's largest "employers" – the IDF, the police and the civil service – as well as the judiciary, universities, colleges, the Education Ministry and women's organizations, were summoned to report to the committee how they are preparing to implement it.

The IDF has produced a manual on the subject and plans to have a film ready by the end of the year, said OC Women's Corps Brig.-Gen. Orit Adatto. An officer found guilty of sexual harassment risks punishment as severe as dismissal, she added.

The police, which is both an employer and an enforcer of the law, is about to distribute explanatory kits to its forces. In addition, more professionalism will be demanded of the lower ranks, that is, those who will deal with the complaints, said Masha Lubelsky, senior adviser to Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani.

The country's institutions of higher learning are drawing up their own regulations concerning sexual harassment. So, too, but separately, are the teachers' colleges.

The Education Ministry's Hava Barnea said the real importance of the law in the long run is to change behavioral norms.

"The law helps us, because it defines sexual harassment as repeated action," Barnea said. "We want to teach youngsters to communicate better. If you don't like that behavior, say so."

Meanwhile, the Justice Ministry, with the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry and Dayan's committee, is working on regulations that will serve as a model for employers. The regulations are to be ready by August 19. When the law goes into effect in September, all employers will be required to have effective means for handling complaints.

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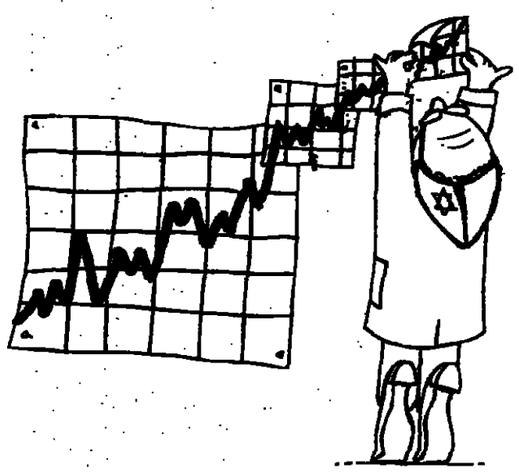

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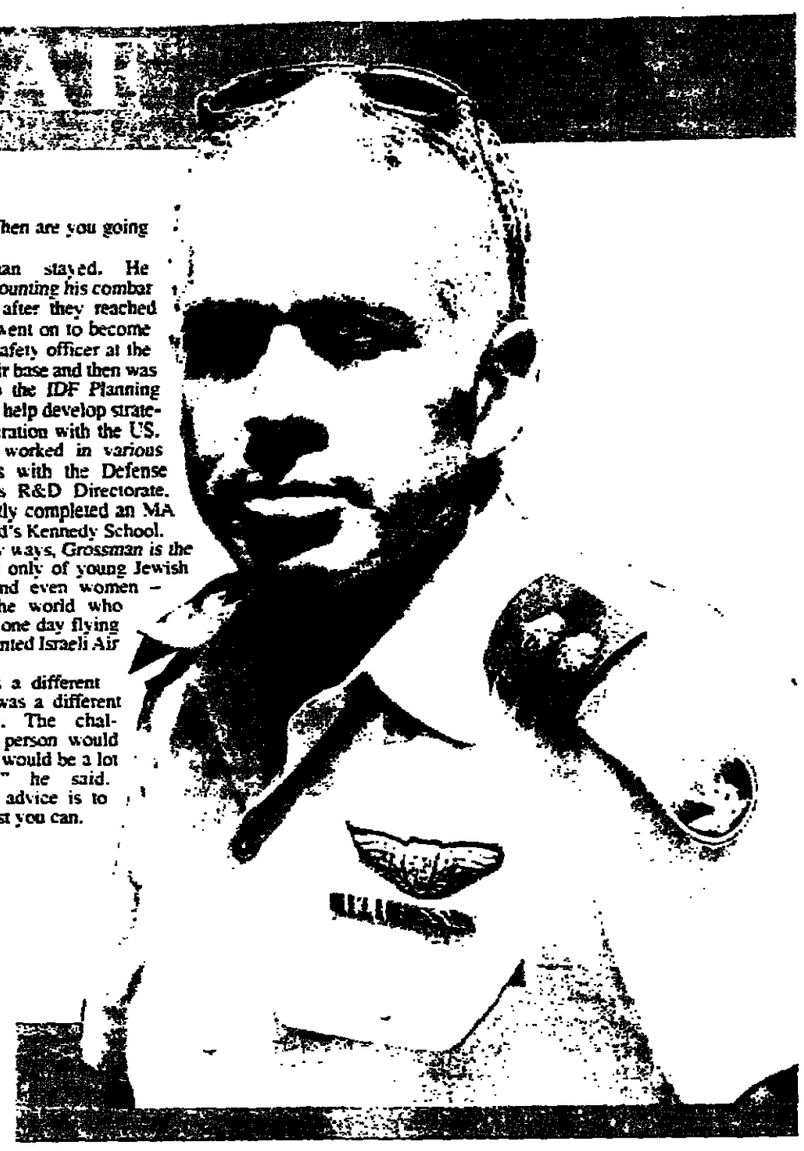
From the USAF to the IAF

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Lt.-Col. Danny Grossman, retiring this summer from the IAF, is the only American 'oleh' to win the IAF Commander's Air Medal



Lt.-Col. Danny Grossman's story reads like a Hollywood action film. He is one of a few American airmen who flew in the US Air Force, made aliya and then flew fighter jets in the IAF. And he is the only one to be decorated with the IAF Commander's Air Medal for his exploits.

Grossman, 46, the son and grandson of Conservative rabbis, and himself a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University, is retiring this summer from the IAF and his story can now be told.

Destinies define us. And then there are pilots. And then there are pilots in the Israel Air Force who have a chance to make history every time they fly.

Lt.-Col. Danny Grossman's chance came following a top secret reconnaissance mission which failed. He was the spare navigator in an F-4 Phantom jet squadron in the early 1980s. He helped plan the daring and complicated mission deep into an enemy country which, even today, can still not be named. After reaching its target, the jets couldn't take photographs due to the cloudy weather and returned home. Five days later, Grossman and three other airmen in two F-4s laden with reconnaissance cameras set off on the same mission, knowing full well they were likely to run into MiGs this time. They were traveling without escort because having F-15s along would only invite a dogfight and an international incident.

"There aren't that many situations of do or die. Here we understood that by sending us back so quickly meant it was important and really had to be done."

"The only thing we had," said Grossman kissing his index finger. "Was one air-to-air missile each."

Grossman guided the jets to their target where they gained altitude and photographed it. The only thing left was head for home. But on their way back they spotted a MiG 21.

The pair of F-4s split and then regrouped. Only the MiG was ahead and to their right; between them and home.

"All you have to do is sweep over and you got 'em," Grossman said. "We were going like this for about 40 seconds, which seemed like an eternity. Suddenly, like in the cartoons when the light bulb goes on over the cat, the MiG realizes we're there and he breaks into us. We came so close I could see the color of his visor. Everything was crystal clear."

He watched the MiG zoom by. If it tried to turn around and come between the other Israeli F-4, then its pilot, today Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer, head of IDF Manpower, would "make his day." But the MiG was too careful and turned only after passing the second aircraft, leaving him far behind both jets.

"The easiest thing to do would have been to shoot him. Go home and then do a roll over the base and paint a little sign on your airplane. That is the dream of every pilot."

But they didn't shoot him down. This wasn't what they had come for. They had the photos and now they had to get away from the enemy jets as quickly as possible. So they dove for ground. "Once the Phantom gets going on the deck he's a Cadillac," said Grossman using his USAF jargon.

The two jets were headed for home so fast and so low they were "kicking up dust and the only way to get under us was with a snorkel. It was the first time in my life I ever saw the machmeter go supersonic at low altitude," Grossman said.

The slower MiG eventually ran out of fuel and crashed in the desert. The pilot ejected. But then the enemy's air force scrambled and jets were closing in on them as they headed back to Israel. But as they approached, IAF F-15 interceptors sent out to protect them chased the enemy aircraft away.

The following month, Grossman was promoted to major, and he and the three other airmen were awarded the Air Medal. The citation was given to emphasize the need to stick to the goals of the mission. The incident is taught to young pilots today as an example not to show that they could have shot down a MiG, but refrained from doing so, but to demonstrate how much the decision making process rests on the pilots and navigators.

GROSSMAN GREW UP the son of a traveling Conservative rabbi in the US, who also served as a reserve military chaplain in the US Air Force.

After graduating from the Yeshiva University High School, Grossman enrolled at a joint program of the JTS and Columbia in the heyday of the anti-Vietnam war protests and campus takeovers. He met his future wife Lisa Boye and fell in love with Israel in his junior year in Jerusalem in 1971-72. But after graduation he shocked his classmates when he decided to join the US Air Force.

"My long-term plan was to fly a little bit, get some hours under my belt. Get some experience and make a few bucks," said Grossman.

Grossman never got a chance to fly in Vietnam because the war ended before he could earn his wings. He went on to become a navigator in a F-4 fighter squadron, spending six years in the USAF.

"Just like all Jews, I was more gung ho than anybody. I knew that I wanted to come to Israel. I got myself a profession. I thought that it was the same thing as, you know, becoming a doctor," he said. "I stood out as a Jew so I figured that if you are going to stand out you might as well be good." Grossman said. " I made it my business that I would always be the best."

He was. He became the "Top Gun" of the squadron, beating out Vietnam vets.

Pilots really have only one topic of conversation and that is flying. Despite his salt and pepper hair, he has a boyish charm about him. "The difference between men and boys is the price of the toys. Instead of going "Wheel" we go "Roger," Grossman said.

Grossman began his IAF career as an F-4 navigator, known today as a weapons system officer, in November 1979. At age 27 he had to prove himself all over again.

"Within a year I was crossing borders and that is the major difference between Israel and America. Here it is a bad news good news situation. The bad news is we have a lot of very defined enemies, and that is the good news too. We can define our enemies and we can think in very clear surface terms. In America everything is generic," he said.

Grossman believes he was able to break in with his fellow Israeli pilots because he was good in air-to-air combat which made him a sought after partner. Two years after joining the IAF he was preparing for the fateful mission.

His wife was nine months pregnant with their third child. The intercom blared out in the operations room before the mission announcing "Danny. Telephone – It's your wife."

"I feel all the eyes of the primary crews and the spare crews burning a hole in me. I swear the guy who was the first spare was drooling. He knows. Your wife is in the hospital. It's over. I'm in. You're out." But the call was a false alarm.

Hours later he was earning his medal.

"Even after I got my citation," Grossman said, "there were those who said 'OK you've come here. You've done your thing, got you medal. When are you going home?'"

Grossman stayed. He stopped counting his combat missions after they reached 150. He went on to become the first safety officer at the Tel Nof air base and then was loaned to the IDF Planning branch to help develop strategic cooperation with the US. He then worked in various staff jobs with the Defense Ministry's R&D Directorate. He recently completed an MA at Harvard's Kennedy School.

In many ways, Grossman is the ideal, not only of young Jewish men – and even women – around the world who dream of one day flying in the vaunted Israeli Air Force.

"It was a different time. It was a different mentality. The challenges a person would face now would be a lot different," he said. "But my advice is to do the best you can.

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Israel at 50

Once again, we ride the roller coaster: *today remembering the 20,332 who fell* in Israel's wars and pre-state battles, tonight celebrating the nation for which they gave their lives. This year, Israel's jubilee, is a time for taking stock, thinking back across the span of time, and trying to fathom how far we have come and where we are headed.

Speaking of the human condition, the American longshoreman-philosopher Eric Hoffer wrote: "Our achievements speak for themselves. What we have to keep track of are our failures, *discouragements, and doubts.*" He must not have been thinking of Israel at 50. Somehow, even during our birthday celebration, speaking of achievements is not quite in fashion, and contemplation over our current condition keeps returning to the matter of unfinished business.

According to a poll commissioned by *Ha'aretz*, 82 percent of Israelis expect that Israel will exist to celebrate its 100th anniversary. The confidence of the overwhelming majority is not as striking as *the question itself*: what other nation celebrating its jubilee would even ask such a question?

For a nation that is 50 years old, Israel is singularly preoccupied with what are, for most nations, birthing pains. Most nations take the definition of their borders for granted: the prospect of completing the definition of ours has only recently come into sight. We are only now able to begin grappling concretely with the fact that, as Yitzhak Rabin declared to the Palestinians after the famous handshake on the White House lawn, "We are destined to live together on the same soil in the same land."

Though it was not always expressed with the *same intensity, our desire to coexist in the same* land has been a fervent one from the beginning of the Zionist enterprise. At one time it was even shared by Arab leaders such as Emir Faisal, who in 1919 wrote to US Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter proclaiming "the deepest sympathy for the Zionist movement."

Faisal viewed Zionism as a companion to the Arab nationalist movement fighting against the colonial powers of the day. "We will wish the Jews a hearty welcome home," he continued, "there is room in Syria for us both."

Even though hopes for coexistence had been dashed by much bloodshed in the interim, Israel's Declaration of Independence declared, "We extend our hand to all neighboring states and their peoples in an offer of peace and good neighborliness." The Arab response was succinctly expressed by the *New York Times* headline that day: "Zionists Proclaim State of Israel ... Tel Aviv Bombed, Egypt Orders Invasion."

Then it was not known whether Israel would *survive another week*, let alone 50 years. We have not only survived, but created a thriving democracy that has increased its population tenfold, largely by attracting and absorbing massive numbers of immigrants. Two of the nations at war with us then, Egypt and Jordan, have signed peace treaties with us, and the closing of the circle of peace with our immediate neighbors can be seen dimly – even through the dust kicked up by the current haggling over the peace process.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who rarely seems to mind being out of fashion, exuded holiday spirit in his jubilee interview with this newspaper, calling Israel "the greatest success story of the 20th century, and in many ways it is the greatest triumph of a people of all the nations of history." The resurrection of an ancient people in its own land, following the destruction of a third of its number in the Holocaust, is unique in history and represents ample cause for celebration, even had Israel *accomplished nothing else.*

Healing the religious-secular split, finding a way to be a Jewish state that includes its Arab minority, and backing with reality the lip service paid to revolutionizing the economy are each daunting tasks which have been shunted aside by the existential struggle for too long. But the existence of challenges to be met should hardly be allowed to dampen the celebration.

Rather, Israel's jubilee year should be dedicated to tackling all these challenges simultaneously, with the expectation that – if as much progress is made in the next 50 years as in the first – there will be even more to celebrate at Israel's centenary.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

APOLOGY OWED

Sir, – Bernard Wasserstein manages to outdo even his usual litany of ludicrous historical claims in his most recent piece "No apology required" (April 27), wherein he attacks propagandizing mythmakers who demean the British mandatory record.

He slashes at those who claim the Balfour Declaration contains the word "homeland." Yet, he ignores that it does indeed support a "Jewish national home". More importantly, however, it referred but to the "civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities."

The British government surely did not at that time support an Arab Palestine.

He further proceeds to ridicule those who assert that TransJordan was "lopped off the mandate." In reality, Wasserstein writes, it was "added on." Nevertheless, he ignores disingenuously that the British decreed a postponement, actually, a prohibition, of all Jewish settlement in TransJordan, later confirmed in Article 25 of the Mandate.

Worse, though, is his treatment of the subject of British restrictions on Jewish immigration, if only because he ignores his own 1979 study, *Britain and the Jews of Europe 1939-1945*.

The book's flyleaf accurately notes that "what emerges is a lamentable story of bureaucratic complacency, inhumanity and blindness to the...Jewish catastrophe in Europe." The book is damming of British wartime policies in all areas as regards Jews and their homeland.

One example, I think, will suffice to illustrate Wassertein's current apologetics. The 1939 White Paper "had only a limited effect" he pontificates. The fact is that in March 1944, at the end of the five-year limitation on Jewish immigration, fully 27,500 certificates out of 75,000 had not been used. Why were these Jews not provided with a safe haven?

Were these Jews alive or ashes? When the Holocaust overtook the possible immigration candidates, was the effect indeed limited or eternal death?

This result, in addition to the Struma and other acts of interference in rescue attempts of Jews, is the reality of a sorry record of anti-semitism which, for all the positive that surely was achieved, cannot *be excused or explained away.*

Wasserstein can continue to perpetuate his own myth: that no apology is required by Britain for its thirty-year mandatory rule.

In doing so, he owes us, his *readers, an apology for obfuscation*, misinformation and partisan political exploitation of his scholarship abilities.

YISRAEL MEDAD

Shiloh.

TOO MUCH ENTERTAINMENT

Sir, – Independence Day is considered a very important date in religious circles since it marks a great leap forward in the march towards the final redemption (*geula shleima*), the object of all our prayers.

With the proclamation of a holiday on the day following Israel's 50th anniversary, the Israel Broadcasting Authority had a golden opportunity to introduce programs showing the deeper significance of the establishment of the Jewish state, with its roots in the ancestral heritage of the Jewish People.

And they blew it! In the 48 hours of the official celebrations could they not have scheduled at least a few programs of Jewish content to counterbalance the hours and hours of American-style entertainment – often geared to the lowest denominator of Israeli taste.

However, the most egregious error of judgment was actually cancelling one of the few existing shows with spiritual content, Rabbi Mordechai Alon's half-hour program of Torah commentary on Friday afternoons. What justification can there be for the cancellation of this high-quality program – which would have injected a much-needed spiritual element into the festivities – in favor of still more "entertainment," with which we were already saturated?

PIRCHIAH NACHMANI

Beit Shemesh.

REPRESENTATIVE TV

Sir, – I wish to protest most strongly that neither television station found it necessary to have a live broadcast of the "March of the Living" ceremony from Poland.

The broadcasters and commentators may not like this government, but surely Holocaust Remembrance Day transcends or should transcend all political considerations.

Is it not time the feelings and *wishes of those who pay the* license fee are taken into consideration? Maybe the government should cancel the license and deduct the money from the monies it transfers to the Palestinian Authority, until we get a truly representative Israeli Radio and TV, *and not the PA in Hebrew?*

EMANUEL FISCHER

Jerusalem.

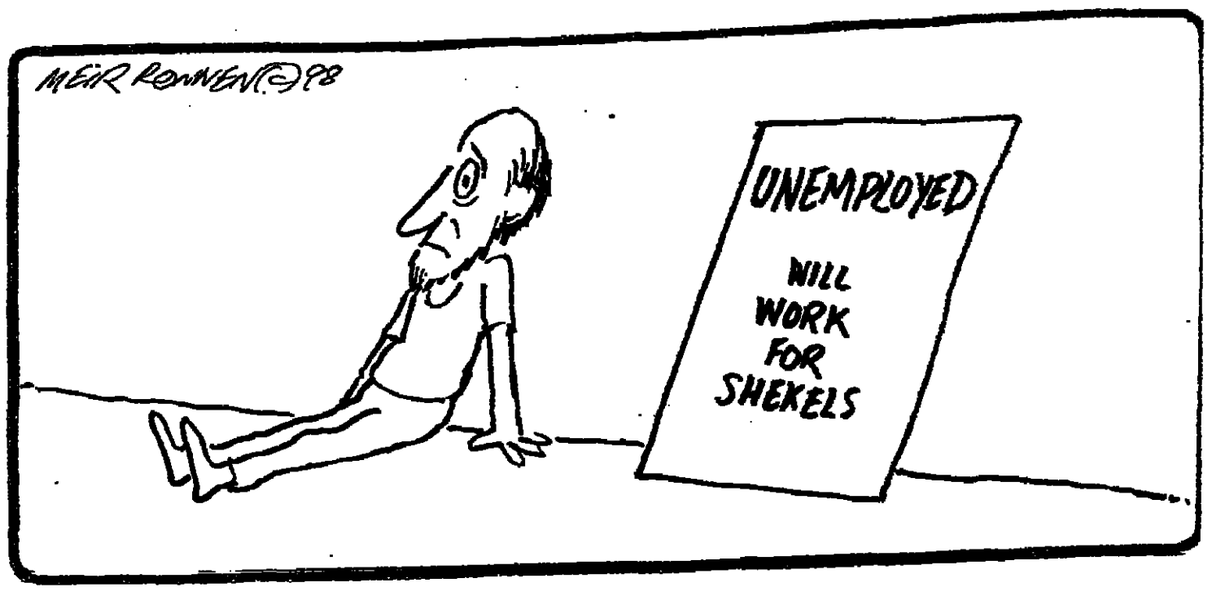
FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On April 29, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported that ignoring the official British Army denials, King Abdullah admitted that his Arab Legion had already occupied Jericho and that the force consisted of "scout troops – who always precede the regular army."

At the same time, streams of Arab refugees were moving along Palestine roads towards the frontiers of Syria, Trans-Jordan and the Lebanon. Jewish forces were closing in on Yafo where Irgun Zvai Leumi cleared the Manshieh quarter in the north while the Haganah attacked Arab positions in the south.

25 years ago: On April 29, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that a Black September killer shot dead Vittorio Olivares, an Italian employee of El Al airlines in Rome – he may have assassinated the wrong man, Italian police reported.

Alexander Zvielli



The next 50 years

MOSHE ARENS

Who but Theodor Herzl would have believed that 50 years after the first Zionist Congress in Basel, the Jewish state was going to be established? And who could have envisaged on May 15, 1948 that during the next 50 years, Israel would undergo four major wars and in due time become a strong, prosperous nation with a Jewish population of over 4.5 million?

It surely takes a measure of audacity to attempt to look into the next 50 years. And yet, in these crucial times, policy decisions that are bound to have long-range consequences should not be taken without a serious effort to peer into the future, even if only in an attempt to identify major trends and alternative possible futures.

Three areas in particular are deserving of attention – security, economics, and demographics.

As for security, two conflicting views regarding the future can be heard from Israeli politicians. The first, whose most prominent spokesman is former premier Shimon Peres, contends that if only Israel will make the concessions demanded by Yasser Arafat for the Palestinians, and by Hafez Assad for the Syrians, a new peaceful Middle East will begin to take shape and Israel will achieve true security for the long-range future.

If peace with Arafat and Assad is not concluded, according to Peres, Israel will face an increasingly hostile Middle East and, in due time, will be threatened by weapons of mass destruction in the hands of Iran and a number of Arab states.

The opposing view, whose outstanding spokesman is Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, paints a less rosy picture of the Middle East in the years to come. He therefore concludes that only Israel's ability to defend itself can provide the security we seek.

Concessions that prejudice this ability, even if they lead to peace treaties, will leave Israel dangerously exposed to any change of heart in the Arab world, possibly even inviting Arab aggression in the years to come.

So, it all depends on the prognosis for the Middle East. Those who believe that in the years to come it will begin to resemble Scandinavia, might opt for the Peres policy, while those who believe it will continue to be a dangerous, volatile, and violent region for some years will prefer to be cautious. And those who think it might go either way, will probably still want to be prudent.

Demography is the most crucial parameter for determining Israel's future in the next half-century

It is relatively easy to be optimistic about Israel's economic future. Now that liberalization, privatization, and a responsible fiscal policy have finally been adopted as the economic policies of both major parties, Israel's comparative advantage in skill-intensive activities is becoming apparent.

There is every reason to believe that the high-tech sector will continue to flourish and since technology will, no doubt, be the major growth sector in the world's economy in future years, Israel should be able to take its place among the world's most prosperous nations.

This development should bear little correlation with the rate of progress in the Middle East peace process, as for some years to come the major markets for Israel's high-tech products will be the US, the Far East, western Europe followed by eastern Europe and Russia. It will take years before Israel's neighbors become substantial markets for these products.

But there is one cause for concern. The high-tech sector, requiring almost no infrastructure other than talent and education, is by its nature mobile, easily transferable to other countries.

If the Histadrut continues with its current policies – opposing privatization and deregulation, demanding wage increases incommensurate with the rate of increase in productivity, using massive strikes in order to advance these aims, thus creating a climate of uncertainty – we might find some of our high-tech industries moving away from Israel's shores.

A great deal will depend on our labor federation understanding the workings of a modern economy and realizing that their anachronistic tactics are damaging the interests of the workers it claims to represent.

DEMOGRAPHY is the most crucial parameter for determining Israel's future in the next half-century. Israel, as it is today, is first and foremost the result of the great demographic changes that the Zionist movement and successive Israeli governments succeeded in bringing about in the past 100 years.

Immediately after World War I, the Jewish community west of the Jordan constituted only 10% of the total population. Seventy years later, by the time the Oslo Accords were signed, Jews constituted a majority of almost two-thirds in that area.

Since then, there has been a steady deterioration due to an influx of Palestinians into the areas under the control of the Palestinian Authority, the higher Arab birth rate, a decrease in the *Jewish birth rate, and the fall-off* in the immigration from the countries that constituted the Soviet Union.

Within the borders of Israel the non-Jewish population, not counting foreign workers and Palestinian day-laborers, has passed the 20% mark. Israel's advanced economy and very high standard of living, especially compared to the neighboring countries, is likely to continue to serve as a magnet attracting Palestinians, Arab workers from neighboring countries, and workers from far afield.

Inevitably, many will remain in Israel permanently. The continued influx of Palestinians into the areas under Palestinian control is also likely to spill over into Israel. If these trends continue unabated the Jewish character of the State of Israel is going to be severely compromised.

A key role in furthering these trends, in abating them, or possibly in reversing them will be played by the Orthodox Jewish establishment in Israel. A continuation of its hard-line positions on conversion will place obstacles in the path of the integration of many new immigrants from the former Soviet Union into Israeli society, discourage further immigration from Russia and the Ukraine, and lead to an estrangement of most of the Western world's Jewish communities from Israel.

Unless our rabbis recognize the dangerous consequences of the continuation of their present stand, and unless future governments adopt a deliberate and determined policy to counter present demographic trends, we will find the accomplishments of the past 50 years slipping away.

An independence wish

DAVID NEWMAN

Once again, Israel has beaten everyone else to the starting post.

While the rest of the world is gearing up for the turn of the millennium, we have created our own version nearly two years earlier – the fiftieth anniversary of the State of Israel.

Despite the somewhat downbeat mood surrounding what should have been a major party, our jubilee celebration has taken on a significance the like of which has probably not been felt during the past 50 Independence Days.

But like the rest of the world who will wake up to much of the same on January 1, 2000, so too will the citizens of Israel find that not much has changed on Friday morning. And once the long weekend has come and gone, we will soon forget the fireworks and the television extravangzas and move back into our regular daily routines.

The Messiah will still not have arrived, the peace process will not be signed, the economy will still be in recession, and the tensions between religious and secular will be as great as they were last week.

There is, of course, a great deal to celebrate. Given the condition of the Jewish people just 50 years ago, and given the perpetual situation of conflict the State of Israel has found itself in ever since its inception, it is nothing short of *remarkable* (some would say a miracle) that this country has achieved what it has achieved.

It is even more remarkable when we consider the way in which we go about our affairs of state, from crisis to crisis and with a system of management which would not rate very highly in those other Western societies *which we are so keen to ape.*

But together with our celebrations, it would not do us any harm if, over this long weekend, we took some time out to sit back and reflect. Not only on the achievements, *but* also on everything we have not yet achieved and still desire to do so.

It is, as David Hartman wrote on this page some weeks ago, a sort of Yom Kippur, a time for national soul-seeking, *to think beyond the* glare of the fireworks, about the ways in which we can make the next 50 years even more successful.

At 50, we should turn our backs on Masada and our faces towards peace

Ask Israeli citizens to list one single wish for the next 50 years, and the answers will be diverse. But there would be a great deal of consensus around the general desire to attain peace and stability. There would be heated debate as to just what exactly "peace" entails and what each one of us would be prepared to actually give up in order to achieve that objective.

But the fact that all of us, Right *and Left, desire to live in a coun*try which has left its conflicts behind, must be unquestionable.

The dividend of peace is not just about living with our Arab and Palestinian neighbors without fearing for our lives. It is also, perhaps even more importantly, about finding ways we can live at peace with ourselves.

A post-conflict Israel would be one in which we would have to deal with the many internal problems facing this heterogeneous society, rather than continually putting them off with the excuse that we have to direct all our energy and resources to defending the country against the external threat.

Meanwhile the internal problems threaten to tear us up from inside as we continue to wallpaper them *over with a sort of artificial unity* created by the security threat.

BUT to really deal with the issue of peace, we must change the whole nature of the discourse *which has been central to Israeli* society for the past 50 years. The Holocaust, Masada and Tel Hai cannot continue to be the single unifying raison d'etre of the state for another 50 years. We must *move from defining the state in* negative terms, of threats and security, to the positive elements – social, moral and welfare – with which we imbue the state with meaning.

As long as we do not resolve the military conflict with our neighbors, we will never move beyond the first stage of state formation. Not that long ago, in the early days of the Oslo Accord, many of us believed – perhaps naively – that by the jubilee we would witness the signing of a peace treaty with the Palestinians and even the Syrians.

It would not have worried us greatly whether it would be Rabin or Netanyahu who would put their pen to this historic agreement, an agreement which would finally put the seal on Israel's security and existence.

We should not be sentenced to another 50 years of perpetual conflict when we, citizens of the strongest state in the region, have it in our power to make those gestures which are so necessary in reaching a final peace agreement.

We need to push beyond the siege mentality of the first 50 years of statehood into our own next millennium. Rather than wait for another catastrophe, such as the Yom Kippur War or the intifada, to force us into making peace, we should take the bull by the horns and actively initiate the next stage of the peace process before that catastrophe takes place.

A jubilee year is, in traditional sources, a year of freedom. A year in which slaves achieved their physical freedom and the masters their spiritual freedom.

While we celebrate over the coming weekend, we should reflect on the ways in which both those freedoms can come about: the freedom from external threat and the freedom from internal fragmentation. Only by making peace with "others" and freeing them from their subordinate status will we ever really begin to make peace with, and between, ourselves.

This is my wish for Israel's fiftieth birthday. I hope that there are many out there who join me in it.

POSTSCRIPT

OUR FRIEND in London, Jonathan Schonfeld, sends us this eye-popper from a newspaper feature called Word Watching.

The daily feature challenges the reader to guess the meaning of a word, and then provides a detailed definition along with the answer.

We got a good laugh from the unexpected definition of the word "putz," which we know as a Yiddish word meaning "small penis."

Well, not according to Word Watching:

"PUTZ: In Pennsylvanian Dutch homes, a representation of the Nativity scene traditionally placed under a Christmas tree. In German, putz means decorations, ornaments. 'Only the chosen few can afford to have a really impressive putz which fills half a room, and represents a landscape in miniature. The more elaborate putz requires not only money for its erection, but artistic handiwork.' "

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Confidence in the future

GERALD M. STEINBERG

From the broad perspective of world and Jewish history, 50 years is not all that long, and despite the achievements Israelis remain a nervous lot. In contrast to the swagger and self-confidence of the early sabras – the Palmahniks, air force pilots, and tank commanders – the masses are skittish and have a long and growing list of fears. The newspaper headlines warn of impending catastrophe from terrorists and from Iranian missiles.

There is good reason for this nervousness. Jewish history in the Diaspora was one of frequent disasters, and the close proximity between Holocaust Memorial Day and Israel Independence Day is, in itself, cautionary.

In addition, the short history of Israel has added reasons to live in a constant state of alert, with adrenaline always flowing.

The very costly 1948 Arab invasion, the preparations for another full-scale attack in 1967 that left Israelis jittery even after the war ended in an unexpected victory, and the 1973 surprise attack from Syria and Egypt, when the head of military intelligence predicted that there would be no war, all combined to leave permanent marks on the Israeli psyche.

In 1991, Israelis spent six weeks of high anxiety waiting for sirens, missile attacks and chemical weapons in sealed rooms and wearing gas masks.

A few months ago, during the recent Iraqi crisis, Israel remembered the unfulfilled Americans promises to destroy Saddam and his arsenal, if only we would act with restraint and not launch our own counterattacks. The accelerating Iranian missile program has led to a new round of headlines, warnings and feelings of vulnerability.

AT the same time, one of the central themes, repeated every year in this season, is that the environment changed radically for Jews with the attainment of sovereignty and the establishment of the State.

We are no longer a defenseless minority, and the lessons of persecution, pogroms and the Holocaust are not directly applicable to the Israeli situation.

Despite the very real threats, Israel has become and remains the most powerful state in the Middle East, and is able to defend itself and to deter attacks that threaten national survival. The March of the Living in Auschwitz and the memorials for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism are both powerful demonstrations that the Jewish people have and will survive.

After 50 years, we begin to relax a little, to place the continuing dangers and threats into perspective, and not allow every headline to be seen as another potential Holocaust.

Today's population of six million is almost 10 times larger than the small nation that was given little chance of survival against the Arab invasion in 1948.

One by one, our closest neighbors have reached the conclusion that direct confrontation with Israel is too costly, opening the way for grudging acceptance and limited coexistence. This is not the idealist's dream of peace and cooperation, but it is an improvement and the basis for stability.

While we were once worried about Egyptian and Syrian tanks and bombers, the focus of our fears has turned to the more distant threats, particularly regarding Iran. The dominant image is one of radical Islamic clergy, violently opposed to the existence of Israel, ready to sacrifice millions of martyrs in the name of religious wars, and armed with nuclear missiles.

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With Russian and Chinese assistance, Iran may indeed acquire the ability to strike Israel, as well as Europe, with ballistic missiles, and in a few more years, might have nuclear weapons. However, the Iranian leadership is also aware of Israel's ability to strike back, and they are not irrational or willing to commit certain national suicide. Even Saddam Hussein was careful enough not to provoke Israel by using chemical weapons.

Indeed, with the security provided by this military strength, Israel can also afford to take some prudent and carefully considered risks aimed at improving security in the longer-term.

Twenty years ago, Menachem Begin agreed, with some trepidation, to exchange land (Sinai) for peace with Egypt. The peace may be cold and disappointing, but it has held.

In 1993, Yitzhak Rabin took the risk that the Arafat could and would stop terrorism. This gamble was not very successful, and although the victims of the suicide bombings cannot be returned to life, at least as a nation, Israel has been able to contain the damage.

Now Netanyahu is considering taking risks to end the Lebanese quagmire. If handled very carefully, this process might succeed. Under very different rules of the game, it may even be possible to revive the Palestinian disengagement process.

Vulnerable nations are always responding to threats and are unable to control their fate, but strong states can act with self-assurance, taking risks where prudent, to build a safer environment.

In the past 50 years, Israel has gone from a weak country, always on alert, to a powerful state, despite our self-image as a small nation still surrounded by enemies.

Although there are still many risks and the neighborhood is still rough, as long as we preserve this strength, we can move forward to the next 50 years with confidence.

Growing old gracefully

RUTHIE BLUM

When the festivities ushering in Israel's jubilee year begin tonight, there is bound to be an accompanying sigh of national relief. Given all of the brouhaha surrounding and leading up to this monumental milestone, getting it over with will be welcome.

As is the case with most birthdays – particularly ones signaling the passage into another decade – the preceding period is anxiety-ridden, and the actual day is more of a let-down than a pick-me-up. As is also the case, however, the period following the dreaded date is one of transition. Of acceptance. And even of optimism.

At forty-nine, Israel had a lot to be depressed about. Like a precocious child who finds himself catapulted into middle age – no longer considered precocious, and no longer a child – the nation seems to have taken to bed with a whopping identity crisis. Even the flags decorating the country's streets have a droopy look about them.

This is not surprising. Gifted and capable well beyond its years, Israel was pushed into the ranks of the "big boys" before being given the chance to ripen into maturity.

And when it comes to pushy parents, none is quite so brazen as Mother Necessity. Hungry for the outward achievements of her progeny, even at the expense of the latter's inner well-being, she has proved to be a curse for the Jewish State as well as a blessing.

To be sure, the blessing is not to be scoffed at. Without such a parent, Israel would not have zoomed through the last half-century with the flair and accompanying fanfare that are its trademarks. Without such a parent, it would not have reached the incredible achievements which are its claim to fame.

The curse is common among under-aged over-achievers. Desperate to "catch up" with their chronological elders, they invest little energy – and exercise even less patience – in catching up with themselves.

Once we get through the big birthday bash, all we have to do is get on with the business of being 50

Herein lies the crux of our state's current state of internal malaise.

Being so precocious and gifted at the *building* of the state, Israel thought it could tackle the *preserving* of the state with equal speed and efficiency.

"We've tried war," say Oslo Accord enthusiasts, mimicking American draft dodgers during the Vietnam War, "Now let's give peace a chance."

Been there, done that, they keep insisting, understandably desperate to be past this difficult and often demoralizing phase of nationhood, which feels like it will go on forever.

IT is one thing to be ambitious, however, and quite another to be recklessly impatient. Being in a hurry to build, produce and achieve continues to be as necessary for the state's continued survival as it was 50 years ago. But trying to pole-vault over crucial stages of national development is as pointless as imagining that skipping from elementary school to high school constitutes reaching puberty.

These crucial stages of development involve the shedding of self-consciousness and the donning of self-acceptance. As is true for individuals, replacing self-consciousness with self-acceptance is a precondition for growing old gracefully.

Only after meeting this precondition will Israel have the authority – at home and abroad – to embrace genuine peace offerings from its neighbors, and to go to war whenever necessary. It is this authority which Israel was too precocious a child to cultivate. And it is the lack of this authority which has taken its toll on the morale of the country – Left, Right and center – for far too long.

Tomorrow, after the confetti settles and the barbecues smolder, we owe it to ourselves to opt for growing old gracefully. We can start by making a decision, worthy of the "adult" we wish to become, to forge ahead by slowing down.

Slowing down involves recognizing the current obstacles in our path, rather than trying to deny them or wish them away. It also involves taking the time to replace our immature impatience with authority.

This should not be an insurmountable mission for us to embark upon. Once we get through the big birthday bash, all we have to do is get on with the business of being 50.

Middle Israel

AMOTZ ASA-EL

The check list

Had our founding fathers been able to join us for this weekend of introspection they would have likely burst into tears of happiness, much like the Psalmist's sowers who reaped in joy.

Just think of Theodor Herzl gazing at a jetliner discharging hundreds of new olim, a weekly sight at Ben-Gurion Airport. Driving him down the Ayalon Freeway, amid the rapidly growing forest of sky-scraping office towers which are fast besieging it, the oohing-and-eyeing Viennese journalist would remind us that he died half-a-decade before Tel Aviv's cornerstone was even laid.

Or think of Ze'ev Jabotinsky, the organizer of Jewish self defense in Czarist Russia who spent a lifetime dreaming of a Jewish military; how delirious would he be if whisked by an IDF chopper across a routine maneuver where hordes of sweating troops, antennae-laden vehicles, and sky-slicing aircraft cloud some Negev mountain ridge, amid what for us are tiringly familiar billowing smoke, thundering fire, and staccato wireless messages.

Not to mention Chaim Weizmann, the scientist-turned-statesman who prided himself on having shed "at least one drop of my own blood into each little Tel Aviv workshop." How dumbfounded would he be touring places like Tadiran, ECI Telecom, Elbit, or the 3,000 start-ups which highlight our universally admired Silicon Wadi.

And Rabbi I.J. Reines, who joined hands with the secular Herzl in the face of fierce haredi opposition; how vindicated would he feel seeing this yeshiva-carpeted Jewish state's numerous kippa-wearing free professionals, army officers and high-ranking government officials.

Even Ahad Ha'Am, the gaunt, stern-faced, perennial skeptic who preferred to build here a spiritually oriented and politically benign Jewish community, would be heartened to roam the corridors of such academic powerhouses as the Hebrew University, the Technion, or the Weizmann Institute, along with 15 other fully-accredited institutions of higher learning and dozens of smaller colleges which together add up to a world renowned education empire.

"Back when I was around," that oft-cynical scholar would probably concede, "thoughts of launching satellites, becoming a computer-knowledge superpower, being a farming beacon unto the nations, creating Jewish fighter jets, and generally transfiguring an impoverished backwater into an affluent economy were remote, not to say downright outlandish."

INDEED, being finally free, strong, and wealthy all at once, the Jewish state has realized its founding fathers' dreams. And yet there is plenty which even those visionaries could not foresee.

Herzl would be shocked to learn that our *Altneuland* ended up embroiled in a full-fledged conflict – replete with total wars, super-power meddling, and nuclear ornamentation – which has already cost more than 18,000 Jewish lives and a far higher number of Arab ones.

Jabotinsky, had he been present at a Yom Kippur War field hospital, would probably be appalled to learn of the enemy's enduring motivation and technological progress.

A.D. Gordon would be out of his wits had he – the prophet of Jewish redemption through physical labor – roamed the streets of south Tel Aviv's foreign-worker dominated slums.

Ahad Ha'Am would be flabbergasted to witness our youth's worship of material consumerism, or secular Zion's creeping abandonment of Hebrew culture to clerical devices, not to mention Middle Israel's embrace of foreign entertainment, travel, and lingo.

And Rabbi Reines, had he been thrust into the sweat, rage, and cacophony of yet another rioting haredi mob's clash with mounted police one Shabbat afternoon on this or that soon-to-be choked urban artery, would probably tear his beard.

TOWARD DUSK, at the end of their peek into the Jewish state, sitting on the Knesset lawn a few yards away from the eternal fire for the fallen soldiers, they would jot down a checklist.

• Hebrew?

Herzl: I never cared about that.

Ahad Ha'Am: Ah, give'em a V.

• Haven for oppressed Jews?

General nod, big-time success.

• New Jew?

Gordon: Abysmal failure; everyone's a broker, professor, lawyer, entrepreneur, middle man. Who's going to till the soil? The painstakingly conceived, blister-handed Jew is on the brink of extinction.

Jabotinsky: Who cares; the even-more arduously shaped muscle-Jew is alive and kicking. These soldiers I saw are no ghetto Jews.

• The Goyim?

Reines: They hated us there, they hate our offspring here. What else is new?

Herzl: I hear that in America Gentile and Jew are buddies. There goes my theory about Zionism's antisemitic engine.

Jabotinsky: My Iron Wall theory is working. The Arabs gradually realize they can't beat the Jews, and then they make peace.

Weizmann: (sigh) Yeah, but even then there's no love lost.

Ahad Ha'Am: Look, look up north at the fence running west, east, and south of those silly radar dishes atop Mt. Hermon; aren't they successors to the ghetto walls you all so arrogantly sought to eradicate? And that Porush guy, who facilitates mass draft-dodging, and then pushes his way to the fore of fallen soldiers' memorial services – doesn't he embody the ghetto Jew you all detested?

David Ben-Gurion: Yes, the old ghetto's distraught soul and beleaguered body have somehow hitchhiked with us as we journeyed from Galut to Zion.

But hey, unlike the Jews among whom we grew up, Israelis debate their disputes in a solidly democratic parliament, defend their lives through their own army, police, GSS and Mossad, and sport an economy the like of which Sholem Aleichem's ever-bankrupt Mendel wouldn't even dare dream of when languishing in the misery of the shtetl.

Now all our heirs need is a social contract at home and more peace abroad. Bear with them.

A moment of silence

JONATHAN ROSENBLUM

One need not be a prophet nor the son of a prophet to know that somewhere in Israel a photographer is now preparing to capture haredim going about their business during today's two-minute period of silence.

No one will ask what honor that photographer thereby renders our war dead – just as no one questioned the patriotism of the photographer who last year provided a young teenager in Mea She'arim with a flag and encouraged him to burn it.

For those, like the Am Hofshi organization, bent on turning every event in this country into an occasion for divisive hatred, "proving" that haredim do not share in the national grief over those killed in war is a self-justifying enterprise.

Haredim are damned if they do and damned if they don't. If Meir Porush doesn't participate in memorial ceremonies, that is proof that haredim don't mourn with the rest of the nation; if he seeks to participate, he is told, "Go away, you are so lacking in basic humanity that we don't believe you really grieve over the deaths of your fellow Jews."

The "proof" – based on a failure to stand at attention while the siren blows – is easily refuted. Those who don't stand in memory of the fallen war dead also do not stand on Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Is that because they do not mourn the martyrs of the Holocaust, many of them members of their immediate family?

Has anyone ever heard of haredim playing cards in the midst of a visit to Auschwitz – the final resting place not only of their families but of a Jewish civilization they continue to honor – as did a group of army officers last summer?

Haredim feel the loss of every Jew just like every other citizen of Israel.

I remember the all-night learning vigils in yeshiva during the Peace for Galilee Campaign, and I see the faces in *shul* whenever another soldier is lost in Lebanon.

So if haredim do share in the national mourning, why can't they stand like everyone else? The answer has nothing to do with a lack of respect for the sacrifice of those who gave up their lives in Israel's wars, but rather with the form of the remembrance.

Moments of silence, like rifle salutes at military funerals or bodies lying in state, ape the mourning practices of other nations. A people in possession of its own unique forms of mourning long before those nations came into being has no need to copy them.

And there is something profoundly un-Jewish about standing doing nothing.

Fasting, undertaking a new mitzva, reciting *tehillim* (psalms) are all more traditional ways of commemorating national tragedies. Why waste precious moments, each of which is a gift and an opportunity?

As a practical matter, however, that is an argument that will not be understood. For that reason, most haredim do stand whenever they are not in an exclusively haredi setting. There is no point in needlessly enraging and offending others.

If haredim do share in the national mourning, why can't they stand like everyone else?

Nor need those moments go to waste. Reflecting on the good that others have done for us is a positive mitzva. "Anyone who fails to appreciate the good done for him by his fellow man," our sages tells us, "will, in the end, deny God as well." A Jew is obligated to sensitize himself to recognize even the slightest benefit conferred upon him.

Moses brought on all the plagues in Egypt, except for those originating from the water or the earth; those plagues were initiated by Aharon. Why?

Because of the gratitude he owed the river, in which he was hidden as an infant, and the earth, with which he covered the slain Egyptian overseer.

IF we are trained to recognize the benefit we derive even from inanimate objects, which act without intent, how much more so do we have to appreciate the ultimate sacrifice of our Jewish brothers.

The Talmud says of two brothers from Lod, about whom we know nothing other than they gave their lives so other Jews would be spared the ruler's retribution, that no one else is worthy of standing in their place in Heaven. And that is true of every soldier who gives his life defending his fellow Jews.

No one in whose heart there remains a trace of millennial yearning for Eretz Yisrael, can fail to shed tears when contemplating our people's return to our Land and the courage that made it possible.

That one of the smallest of the world's peoples has come home to a tiny sliver of land barely visible on a globe – the same sliver of land for which they never ceased praying for 2,000 years – has to surely rank as one of history's greatest miracles.

The UN vote of 1948 and our subsequent military victory was viewed as a "smile from Heaven" by virtually every great Torah leader of the time.

Unfortunately, we did not acknowledge the smile. Indeed the early years of the state were marked by systematic efforts to uproot belief in God.

That, however, is not the entire story. David Ben-Gurion's sense of the historical continuity of the Jewish people led him to assure a religious MK that the new state would fulfill the Emperor Vespasian's promise to Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai: Yavne and her scholars.

Not one Yavne, but dozens, have risen here from the ashes of Europe. Torah has flourished in Israel to a degree unimagined both by Ben-Gurion and the Torah leaders of his time.

Grudgingly or not, no society has ever supported Torah study to the same extent. For that and for those who have sacrificed so much to protect Israel's borders there can only be profound gratitude.

The issue is not whether haredim stand or don't, on this day or another. It is whether we constantly work on deepening our appreciation of the sacrifices from which we benefit. We must do so not in order to become more popular – we won't be – but because anything less would mark our failure as Jews to identify with the pain of our fellow Jews and to appreciate all they have given.

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Busy doing nothing

Column One

Thomas O'Dwyer

Which currency is backed by a population of 290 million people, a gross domestic product of $7,000 billion, and a 21 percent slice of world trade?

None. It's a trick question, but only just, because the figures are slightly off. The population of the United States, home of the dollar, is 268 million, its GDP is $7,200 billion, its world trade share 19.5 percent.

However, coming soon to a bank near you is the currency that fits the first criteria. Are you ready for the euro?

Israel makes a habit of being surprised by things that shouldn't surprise it. A 50th anniversary (Happy Birthday!) is a good time to warn this dollar-obsessed nation that a new champion is about to burst on the scene next year.

Since the nation is getting some currency liberalization as a birthday present, it is especially relevant to say one more time – the European currency union is not a bore, an esoteric banking instrument, or a piece of creative accounting. As of January 1, it's a reality.

The euro is a new banknote, the first truly major rival to the dollar, and a powerful symbol that the European Union is a mighty economic force to be reckoned with. Israel's government could make a useful birthday wish to pay less attention to political games and more to coming economic realities.

Hello!

It is easy to get the impression here that it is Europe that is on the other side of the Atlantic, and the US that is our next-door neighbor. However, the European Union is Israel's largest trading partner by far, it is in European cities that Israelis spend most of their vacation money, it is European-built cars (even ones with Japanese names) that clog Israel's highways, while the drivers yell into Nokia or Ericsson cell-phones. Yet the only cultural Euro-subject to catch the local imagination has been the wretched Eurovision bad-songs contest.

The conventional wisdom for a long time has been that the three currencies to dominate world affairs in the coming decades will be the dollar, the yen and the euro. Well, the yen is out of it for the moment and the dollar and the euro could come head to head quickly and substantially.

The Bank of Israel has done little to prepare the country for the impact of the euro – although Governor Jacob Frenkel is on record as saying he would like to see Israel "allying itself to the European sphere." Otherwise, maybe the wretched euro would just go away.

There are no prophets of doom left in the European Union, although there is plenty of grumbling and a lot of heated argument.

Just doing it

Europe's ability to confound simplistic American analyses with its own complex and logic-defying solutions is legendary historic fact. Last year, the American business media seemed to be forming a view of Europe as a stagnant dusty museum – a picturesque and nostalgic place for North Americans to visit as they hurried onward to feed the Asian tigers with juicy investment steaks.

Whither Asia now? Whither, indeed, American hubris?

There is an edgy and brittle lack of self-confidence in this great American success story – just spend an hour watching business television pundits wonder how long it can all last, and jumping at every twitch of the Dow, or every sharp intake of breath by the chairman of the Federal Reserve. This is success with a damp upper lip.

In Europe, the pre-euro mood is busy and businesslike – no time to agonize with econo-therapists. Noise, debate, so much to do, so little time to do it – but this is the noise of construction, the hammering home of pertinent policies. It is not the whine of "are we doing the right thing?"

Only 11 of the 15 EU states made the financial criteria for membership, said the critics. Only? What other proof does one need of the utter determination of this group of nations with different languages and cultures to forge a common destiny?

Nothing much

This is not winners and losers – they don't run life on baseball metaphors in Europe. The others will follow on board without fail.

Exactly one year ago, the Israel Export Institute canceled a planned seminar on the impact of the euro on the Israeli economy. No one wanted to come. In this past year it has been curious to watch the central bank, the government, business and industry, studiously ignore the upheaval in Europe and the coming of the euro. The print media have been a little better, publishing some fair warnings and analyses – probably only for the great black hole of the great unread.

What needs to be done anyway? Nothing much – maybe thinking about what national assets should be held in euros. Then there are some banking and currency trade adjustments, computer software reprogramming, accountancy procedures, trade matters, legal problems.

But maybe all this background work is done already, having been done the Israeli way – quietly, efficiently, with foresight, without fuss.

Kosovo sliding into war

News agencies

PRISTINA, Kosovo (Bloomberg) – Serbia's southern province of Kosovo, nine-tenths of whose people are Albanians, is sliding into war, as Serbian police and troops of the Yugoslav Federal Army with helicopters and armored vehicles pour in, and Albanian fighters prepare for battle, *The Times* of London reported.

The Democratic League of Kosovo, the main ethnic Albanian party demanding independence for the province, said the army attacked the village of Voksa, on the border with Albania, with artillery, killing 12 people, the *Financial Times* said.

Meanwhile, European Union foreign ministers said on Monday that Yugoslavia had not done enough to seek a peaceful settlement in Kosovo as ethnic Albanians buried nine dead and the Yugoslav army said it had killed three more separatists.

Greece warned that the restive Serbian province was about to explode.

A senior official of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) questioned Yugoslavia's assertion that its forces had intercepted and killed infiltrators from Albania.

The Serb-run Pristina media center quoted army sources as saying three ethnic Albanians were killed and four wounded in a firefight near the monastery town of Decani.

The Yugoslav army said it discovered "large quantities of weapons, ammunition and equipment in the area as well as bunkers dug into the hills," the media center reported.

The four wounded Albanians were to be taken to the military hospital in Nis, army sources said.

There was no independent confirmation of the clash, but the ethnic Albanian Democratic League of Kosovo reported military action near Decani and spoke of "huge casualties."

Hours after the reported clash, some 400 ethnic Albanians buried nine of their dead in the village of Herec, 80 km west of the provincial capital of Pristina.

The army said the dead were guerrillas of the clandestine Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) killed last Thursday smuggling arms from Albania into Kosovo.

Ethnic Albanians, who outnumber Serbs in the province nine to one, are fighting for autonomy or independence. The struggle has intensified since a Serb police crackdown on separatists two months ago killed 80 people, including women and children.

Bursts of automatic weapons fire from neighboring villages could be heard throughout the funeral, underscoring the depth of division in Kosovo.

The EU foreign ministers warned that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic had a particular responsibility to promote a peaceful settlement and regretted "that he had so far declined to shoulder fully this responsibility."

"[Ministers] agreed that additional measures against Belgrade would be taken in the case of continued failure to meet the international community's requirements," their statement said.

But the statement welcomed "indications that both sides were now trying to address the need to settle the modalities for substantive discussions."

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said a decision on further sanctions against Belgrade would be left to the so-called Contact Group of six major powers whose political directors are due to meet in Rome today.

Officials in Washington said the US would propose offering both carrot and stick to Yugoslavia at the meeting, with rewards if it cooperates over Kosovo but new sanctions if it does not.

A senior US official also warned that if the five other Contact Group nations – Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia – did not agree to the US package, Washington would go it alone on Yugoslavia policy.

The EU, formally implementing an arms ban first agreed on in March, imposed an embargo on supplying Yugoslavia with weapons and "equipment intended for internal repression or terrorism."

Serbs voted overwhelmingly last week to reject foreign intervention in Kosovo, where army raids on separatists and shooting attacks on Serb-controlled police stations and checkpoints are becoming routine.

Yugoslav army soldiers patrol the border area yesterday as a helicopter takes off on the Yugoslav-Albanian border, some 70 km southwest of Pristina. The Yugoslav army has increased security measures after frequent efforts to smuggle weapons and ammunition into Yugoslav territory for ethnic-Albanian separatists. (AP Photo/Srdjan Ilic)

Extreme Right mulls joint run for German parliament

By FIONA FLECK

MUNICH (Reuters) – The leader of a shadowy party that scored the extreme right's best election result in Germany since World War II said yesterday he wanted to join forces with other far-right parties for September's general election.

Bavarian publisher Gerhard Frey said his German People's Union (DVU), which grabbed 13 percent of votes in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt on Sunday, was talking with other groups about forming an ultra-right alliance.

The DVU's strong showing has brought back memories of Adolf Hitler's rise to power in 1933.

Frey pledged to lead the DVU, accused of racism and anti-semitism by Germany's watchdogs against extremism, to election triumphs particularly across the formerly communist east.

"Voting right wing for young people has become part of youth culture there, just like skateboarding and techno [music]," Frey said at his first news conference since his party emerged as the region's fourth political force in Sunday's shock result.

Frey said he was holding talks with Franz Schoenhuber, the former leader of the right-wing extremist Republicans, and other groups about joining forces ahead of the general election.

"We will decide on cooperation in the next few days," he told journalists in Munich's Mathaeser, a traditional Bavarian restaurant and meeting place for the local right-wing scene.

Frey said the DVU, or Deutsche Volksunion, which says it has about 16,000 members nationwide, had 300 members in Saxony-Anhalt at the start of the campaign and this grew to 1,500.

In the same way, Frey hoped a potentially strong right-wing alliance could change Germany's political landscape, not just by winning elections but by influencing the mainstream parties.

He noted that Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Bavarian allies, the Christian Social Union (CSU), had become tougher on refugees, and that even the candidate for chancellor of the left-leaning Social Democrats, Gerhard Schroeder, spoke out last year against "foreigners who abuse their rights as guests."

"When the old parties start behaving in a normal way and start to recognize our national interests, then I can feel I have more than fulfilled my task," Frey said, urging Germany's established parties to return to their "national roots."

Unemployment, now at a post-war record high of 4.6 million, should be tackled by channelling Germany's European Union contributions into job creation and by preventing foreigners from taking jobs from Germans, he said.

"Fake asylum-seekers" and "criminal foreigners" should be deported immediately.

"In Saxony-Anhalt 10% of foreigners are criminals and 25% are in organized crime," he said.

Frey distanced the DVU from the skinhead scene, saying any "criminals" had been expelled, and denied it was racist, saying it included "Indians, blacks and yellows" in its ranks.

"Integrated foreigners have our friendship and devotion," said Frey, who counts other European ultra right-wingers, such as French National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen and Russia's Vladimir Zhirinovsky, among his friends.

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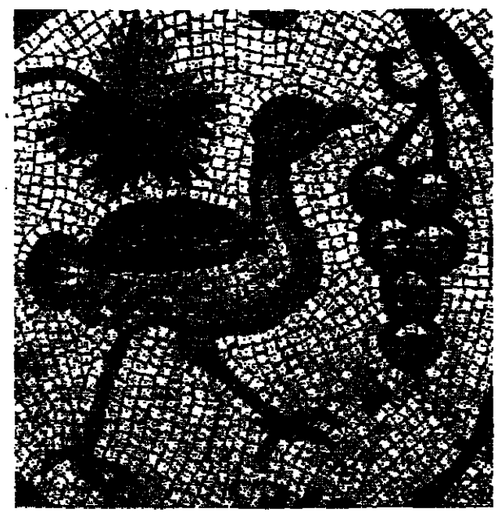

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Pope 'revolted' at killing of Guatemala bishop

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II yesterday expressed his "strongest revulsion" over the assassination of a bishop in Guatemala, describing him as a man who dedicated his life to peace.

The killing of the bishop, a leading human rights campaigner, was a "violent act that threatens peace and offends the sentiments of this beloved nation," John Paul said in a condolence message to the archbishop of Guatemala.

Auxiliary Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera was bludgeoned to death Sunday night, two days after a report he compiled on atrocities during Guatemala's 36-year civil war was released.

The pope said he received the news with the "deepest consternation."

He said he hopes the crime "clearly shows the futility of violence and convinces all to promise to search for understanding and dialogue" and that it won't disrupt the accords that ended the civil war.

Roman Catholic leaders in Guatemala have challenged Guatemalan authorities to quickly solve the assassination.

French magazine fined for running Diana-Dodi pics

PARIS (AP) — A French judge yesterday convicted the editor of a major French magazine of invasion of privacy for publishing a picture 10 days before Princess Diana's death that appeared to show her embracing her boyfriend Dodi Fayed.

The judge also fined Roger Therond, the chief editor of *Paris Match* magazine, FR. 50,000 ($8,333) and ordered him to publish the news of the judgment in the weekly.

The case had been filed against *Paris Match* by Mohammed Fayed, Dodi's father. It was the first of several suits Fayed has brought against magazines and photographers he believes may have played a role in the death of his son and the princess.

Diana, Dodi and their driver Henri Paul were killed August 31 when their Mercedes crashed in a traffic tunnel in Paris. Only bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones survived.

Paris Match had exclusive rights for French use of the picture, which appeared to show Diana and Dodi in an embrace while on a boat off the Cote d'Azur, where they were vacationing.

The magazine published the photo August 21, just 10 days before the couple perished. The photo was taken with a long lens at a great distance, and it remains unclear whether they were actually kissing.

Fayed's lawyers, Bernard Dartevelle and Laurent Merlet, had demanded FR 400,000 ($66,666) in damages. During a hearing March 3, they reminded the judge that Fayed had appealed to *Paris Match* not to publish the picture after it had appeared in British media.

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Weekender

A nation celebrates

Festive concerts and fireworks displays abound throughout the country as Israel celebrates its 50th Independence Day.

Etti Ankri and David D'Or sing ethnic songs at the Jerusalem Theater's Rebecca Crown Hall tonight. (Avi Valdman)

By HELEN KAYE

Everybody is set on making tomorrow the brightest Independence Day ever – until the centennial, that is. So let's list what's doin'.

Jubilee Bells, the big multimedia, multistar, multishekel celebration at the Givat Ram Stadium in Jerusalem has to head the list of where to go and what to do on our 50th birthday. But if you haven't bought one of the 8,000 available tickets, you'll have to content yourself with watching the show on TV, starting at 8:30 tomorrow night on Channels 1, 2 and ITV.

If you are going, dress in layers because temperatures plummet at night. And be warned: It's advisable to arrive early because of the security checks and because the gates will close at 7 p.m.

Not to worry, however, because there'll be warm-up shows on the stage until proceedings start with the ceremonial entry of President Ezer Weizman, US Vice-President Al Gore, and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Then, after the obligatory speeches, there's 90 minutes of spectacle, including Rita stepping out of a huge Magen David to sing the national anthem.

Staying in Jerusalem, the municipality is ushering in festivities today with free entertainment, dancing and singing on stages all over town, including Zion Square, Independence Garden, the sports grounds in East Talpiot, and the shopping center at Ramat Eshkol. Then there'll be fireworks in East Talpiot, Pisgat Ze'ev, Baka, Ramat Eshkol and Gilo at 10:15 p.m.

At 10:30 the sky will explode with more fireworks at the Jerusalem Theater and the City Center. It's more of the same for Beit Hakerem at 10:45, and so on until the last lot at Kiryat Hayovel near Denya Park at 11:45 p.m.

Tonight there's a big jubilee party in all three halls of the Jerusalem Theater, where the price of your ticket includes entry to the dance party in the foyer where you can have cocktails before the concert, after which you can dance to the Sixties Ensemble until the wee hours.

David D'Or and Etti Ankri hold court at Rebecca Crown at 10 p.m with an ethnic mix of songs, including one commissioned for the event. The Jerusalem Symphony orchestra conducted by David Shallon plays Noam Sherriff and Tchaikovsky at 9:15 p.m at Henry Crown, while on the Sherover stage Shlomo Gronich, Michal Adler and the Ethiopian Shva Choir entertain at 10 p.m.

MOVING down to Tel Aviv, tonight at 9 p.m., dance troupes join Yuval Banai and many more stars for an evening that culminates with fireworks at 10 and again at 11 p.m.

Then everybody can troop down to the Tel Aviv Museum Plaza, where tables will be set up for a huge urban *kumzitz*. It'll be sing-along time until the wee hours with the likes of the Friends of Beni, Hanan Yovel, the Parvarim, Israel Gurion, Danny Robas, Dafna Armoni, Meital Trabelsi and more. Best of all, the words (in Hebrew) will be projected on a large screen.

Across town at Park Darom in south Tel Aviv at 9 p.m., Etti Levi, Atraf, and Sfatayim are among the entertainers. There'll be fireworks at 10 and 11 p.m. there, too.

Tomorrow there will be the usual fly-by and naval show along the beach, which is always fun, especially when the F15s and F16s thunder across the sky with so elemental a noise that you want to scream with them. Let's hope that the aerobatic team has some new routines in honor of the occasion. This takes place at about 1 p.m.

IN Haifa, the municipality has provided 15 stages tonight throughout the Haifa area. The Haifa Auditorium plaza features Hani Nahmias, Ariel Zilber and High Five among others from 8:45 p.m. The same stars are slated to appear at Abba Kushi house from 8:45 on; they'll probably run from one venue to another. Riki Gal, magicians and a Hassidic orchestra are on the program in Kiryat Eliezer from 9 p.m.

For the observant community, the fun starts at 10:30 p.m. near Kikar Horev. There'll be dancing and fireworks from 9:50 p.m.

There'll be more fireworks (same time) at the Memorial Garden in Hadar, along with a show from 8:30 p.m. which headlines that incredible comic team of Mony Moshonov and Shlomo Bar Abba.

Strangely, Haifa Mayor Amram Mitzna has decreed that it's "invitees only" tonight. The general public is invited tomorrow night. You'd think it would be the other way around.

On the other hand, there's an enticing Independence Rock extravaganza from midnight until dawn at the Kiryat Eliezer stadium with headliners Ethnix and Eyal Golan, Gidi Gov and Aviv Geffen (if he recovers from the accident with his bicycle last week). For tickets, call (04) 866-2244.

SWOOPING down south to Beersheba, the municipality plaza features the local youth orchestra, Avihu Medina, Lea Loftin and rock for the kids with Pablo Rosenberg. That all starts at 8:30 p.m. and at 9:45 there'll be fireworks. Those who remember fondly singing around the campfire can go along the Omer road to Beit Eshel where, from midnight, there'll be Dov Birkenfeld, the Shaked Trio, and aromatic coffee to heighten the atmosphere. All this happens tonight.

Down the road apiece at Kibbutz Magen, the kibbutzniks are opening *their* War of Independence battle site to the public "as a tribute to the jubilee," says the kibbutz spokesperson. There's a 100-meter high, strategically placed hill which two Golani brigades wrested from the Egyptian army after a fierce battle. The Egyptians were entrenched in Sheikh Nuran's tomb. The attackers' main artillery was a Bren carrier – they're both on view from tomorrow.

Aviv Geffen, Evyatar Banai, The Flies, Tal Berman and many more luminaries will entertain the public from 10:30 p.m. tonight at the Rishon Lezion amphitheater.

Also tonight, from 8:30 p.m. at the Hamashbir Plaza, there'll be folk-dancing, jazz singing, Margalit Tsanani and Ethnix (and how are they going to get from Ra'anana to Kiryat Eliezer? It's a lo-o-o-ng night!).

And as usual, all those kibbutzim which have tourist attractions will be offering something special tomorrow for the whole family. There'll be an exhibition of weapons from the 1948 war at Ayelet Hashahar (06-693-2721). Children whose names are "Israel" or "Israela" (documented proof is required), get in free at Gan-Garoo at Nir David (06-648-8060).

Is there something else? You bet.

Every square centimeter of park space throughout the country is covered with families picnicking. The smoky smell of spiced meats roasting on the grill is as much a part of Independence Day as speeches (and much more fun).

Do we deserve our celebration? You bet.

AFTER HOURS

'Grap' some atmosphere

By SONIE LEMOR

Torn between going to a pub or a restaurant? Go to both – just head on over to Grappa. At Grappa, an institution on the Jerusalem night scene, you can have your cake and eat it, too.

I can still remember the first time I walked into Grappa. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement, everyone was all spiffed up, the music was just right. It was that "I know something special is going to happen" feeling.

That was around five years ago. And whenever I want to recapture that moment, I just head on over to Grappa.

Grappa is located in downtown Jerusalem on Rehov Shimon Ben-Shetah. It's a little off the main drag, making it seem a bit more private.

Upon entering, you are immediately surrounded by the delicate aroma of French cuisine. To your left are stairs to the second floor, from which there is an aura of dim light.

A pleasant server will show you either to a table or direct you upstairs to the pub. (If you want to eat in the restaurant in the evening, reservations are strongly advised.)

In the restaurant area, you'll find families all dressed up, university students trying to impress a date, or even celebrities pretending to hide. The decor is warm and intimate, with peach-colored walls and light wooden tables.

I decided to indulge in a special just recently added to the menu, pate de fois gras, with a garlic and cherry tomato sauce. This was served to me by a very gracious waitress who knew the entire menu by heart, and could explain how every dish is prepared. I must warn you that this pate could be addictive.

If you are interested in a less formal experience, go straight upstairs to the pub. Here you'll find the trendy crowd hanging out, drinking a Corona or sipping a colorful cocktail waiting for the nightclubs to open. From 10:30 on any night, the pub is full.

An advantage of the pub at Grappa is that you can order anything from the restaurant menu. I sat at the bar and had a cappuccino with the marquise chocolate. I highly recommend this delicacy of white, milk, and dark chocolate served in a vanilla sauce to anyone with a sweet tooth.

"It's a nice cozy atmosphere. I have to say I enjoy the place," says Sergio Asderban, an architect. "The servers are definitely very cool."

The pub attracts a slightly older crowd – average age about 30 – than most Jerusalem pubs.

"I think that Grappa is a sort of yuppy place," says Ofer, an advertising executive. " I like to bring clients there for business meetings."

Grappa is open from noon to 5 p.m., then reopens at 7. The pub serves anything from the menu until 11 p.m. and closes after 2.

Grappa, 7 Ben-Shetah, Jerusalem

songs on my mind

Singer/actor Topol talks about his favorite Israeli songs.

Topol is a patriot and a Zionist. "I know that neither is fashionable, but there you are. That's the way I was brought up," he says.

He does have a first name – Chaim – but nobody uses it. He's Topol, the man who's played Tevye the milkman close to 1,850 times in *Fiddler on the Roof*, most recently in the very successful local revival.

He's probably the best-known Israeli performer in the world thanks to the Oscar-nominated movie of *Fiddler* in 1971, when he was already a local superstar thanks to his title role in the Israeli film *Salah Shabati*, the happy-go-lucky Moroccan immigrant who only wants his place in the Israeli sun. Before that, he'd been in that star incubator, the Nahal Troupe.

Salah Shabati led to the role of Tevye in the London production when Topol was 32, and the rest, as they say, is history.

But playing Tevye wouldn't have been enough to sustain an international career in which he has played a variety of dramatic roles, including the title roles in Shakespeare's *Othello* and *Galileo* by Bertold Brecht.

Topol's is a big talent, and he knows it. On stage and off it, he is a star – not that he tries to be, it's just that he's a bit larger than life. He has places to live abroad, but home is here, in Tel Aviv, where he lives with his wife, Galia, and where the three children alight when they're in town. He's also been here during our many wars, leaving a *Fiddler* revival on Broadway because of the Gulf War in 1991 "to do his bit," which meant helping the then-IDF spokesman, Nahman Shai.

In a couple of weeks, it's back to London, where Topol will play the title role in a revival of the musical *Zorba*. Meanwhile, he's home for Independence Day.

The Israeli songs he's chosen as his favorites are personal milestones in some way.

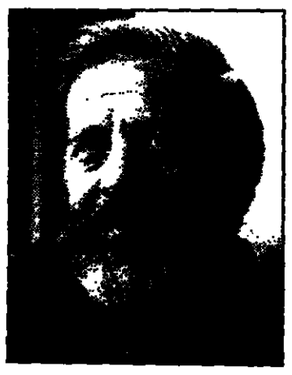
1. The Lehi anthem *"Unknown Soldiers"* by Yair Stern

"Because I witnessed the British taking Stern's body away after theyd shot him. We lived five houses away. We were at no. 18 Mizrahi B, and he was at no. 8. We heard the shots and I went out into the street."

[Yair Stern, the founder and leader of the underground movement Lehi, was assassinated by the British in February 1942 in the Florentine quarter of Tel Aviv where he was hiding.]

2. *"Shir Hare'ut"* ("Song of Comradeship")

"This is from the War of Independence, and it was a symbol for all that generation. 'Love is sanctified by blood' is a line from the song. I grew up on that. My father was in the Hagana. I was only 13 in 1948."



3. Horas and *"Kita Almonit"* ("Anonymous Platoon")

"I had a hard time choosing, so we're going to have to take all of them – "Hora Mamtera" "Hora He'ahzut" and "Kita Almonit" were the songs I was singing in the Nahal Troupe. We sang then with so much conviction, and I'm still fired by that, even in these cynical times – that it's a real joy to bring water to the Negev, to build a border settlement. Without those unsung heroes – the conscripts – we'd all be sleeping less soundly."

4. *"Anachnu Shnaim Me'oto Hakfar"* ("We're Both from the Same Village") by Naomi Shemer

"This is a song a guy sings to his buddy about how they grew up together, were always together until one of them fell in battle, and the singer is mourning his friend. Why that song? Because I have many friends like that."

5. *"Al Kol Elu"* (All of These) by Naomi Shemer

I like Naomi and have sung many of her songs, but this is one of my particular favorites. It expresses all our feelings because we all know there's no honey without the thorn. It's a song of prayer and praise, and I particularly like the line which says 'Let's not rip up what's planted.' We were taught that planting and building are the most important things we can do."

– *Helen Kaye*

Hot tips

By DAHLIA SCHEINDLIN

Tel Aviv

Escape from brawling bashes and independence overload tonight involves eclectic music and film – and some of the classic stuff as well.

Beit Lessin stands its regular Thursday night ground with an evening of new rock bands, starting at 10:30 p.m. Off Medina Square. Call (03) 694-1111.

The **Underground Hall** offers an eclectic and decidedly funky musical sampling tonight at the Zionist Organization of America House, featuring Bella Donna, Funks, Carp and Wild Man; beginning at 10:30 p.m.

For those who take their jazz straight up, visit Camelot where the **Walter Blanding Quartet** starts swinging at 11 p.m. tonight. Call (03) 629-9071.

The Cinematheque presents a genuinely weird film experience tonight but claims that it is showing *Face/Off* by popular demand. Nicholas Cage and John Travolta do revolting things with obvious body parts, starting at 9:30 p.m. A wild **50th D.J. party** follows.

Habimah presents Sitra Kama at 9 p.m. tonight. Call (03) 620-7777 for tickets.

Decidedly more serious is Gesher Theater (this evening it's the grown-ups) performing the surreal, abstract and disturbing *Adam Resurrected*, a Holocaust tale based on the novel by Yoram Kaniuk. Remarkable acting and high-level tension characterize the production. Atmosphere is added by the setting in the circus tent at the Redding terminal. At 8:30 p.m. Call (03) 518-2853.

Jerusalem

While the city rages in a storm of jubilee events, the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel keeps serenity at hand, with a flower tour of Emek Arazim led by Prof. Avi Shmida. The group meets this morning at 9 a.m. in Ramot Bet and does not neglect a cultural element: at 12 p.m. the group will be joined by the **Ramot Harmonia singers** for an hour of entertainment. Picnic to follow. Call Esther Reiss at (02) 586-5219.

And Points Beyond

Shame on anyone who has not yet seen Ensemble Itim's vibrant and moving *Vayomer Vayelech*. This movement-dance-drama based on Israel's favorite text (the Bible) plays tonight at Ramat Gan Theater. Starts at 8 p.m. Call (03) 523-3335.

The fun and fanciful **Ra'anana Symphonette** performs a free open-air concert tonight in its very own hometown, in the Ra'anana Yad Lebanim Plaza. Concert begins at 7:15 p.m.

Walter Blanding swings tonight at Camelot. (Debbie Hill)

Weekender Food & Drink

Phyllis's Tips

Salad series, Part II

By PHYLLIS GLAZER

Now that we're heavy into salad season and have learned the basics of lettuce language ("Phyllis' Tips," April 23), it is a good idea to look at other great salad possibilities.

Salads don't just have to be side dishes. In warmer weather, a salad can take center stage as the main dish, depending on what you put in it.

Every vegetable brings its own character to a salad. Salads should be colorful and attractive. For example, a classic green salad also contains red lettuce and radicchio, a red vegetable that looks like a cross between lettuce and cabbage. The fresher the vegetables, the better the salad will look and taste.

Contrast colors, textures and tastes by using ingredients like lightly steamed cauliflower or broccoli, sprouts and raw mushrooms.

Use very cold water when you wash the vegetables and make sure to dry them or the dressing won't adhere to them. Instead of using bottled dressings, make your own. A great dressing can be prepared in two minutes. A touch of olive oil and balsamic vinegar or lemon juice, along with a fresh herb like tarragon, basil or coriander, make an out-of-this-world salad. Try using different oils like olive, walnut or sesame. Mix them with lighter oils like safflower and sunflower so that the fresh flavor of the more delicate vegetables isn't overpowered by the more dominant flavor of the oil.

Nutritionally speaking, it is a good idea to mix different colored vegetables since each color has its own vitamin storehouse.

Don't forget that a salad doesn't necessarily mean lettuce and vegetables. A really nutritious salad can be based on grains like rice, quinoa, bulgur, whole wheat or pasta. Grains turn the salad into a hearty main dish that is especially good for serving as a quick lunch. Just remember that grains absorb salad dressing and swell; if you put the dressing on a salad with grains a few hours before serving it, save a little of the dressing to add just before you bring the salad to the table.

One grain I like to use is whole wheat couscous (which is available in health-food stores) because you don't even have to cook it. Just put the couscous in a bowl, add about half of its measure in boiling water, a little oil and salt, cover it and let it sit for 5 minutes. Fluff couscous with a fork. If the couscous still tastes a little hard, add a few more tablespoons of boiling water and cover for a few more minutes.

Other ways to improve a salad's nutritional value are:

- adding chopped parsley, which is rich in vitamins A and C and iron
- adding cold legumes like chickpeas, white or red beans, all of which are great sources of protein
- adding toasted sunflower seeds, sesame seeds or pumpkin seeds
- adding sprouts – alfalfa sprouts, "Chinese" bean sprouts, sunflower seed sprouts (available in health-food stores) – increases the nutritional value and adds texture

Go easy on salad dressing since it averages about 80 calories a tablespoon.

You can build a super salad by starting from a base of greens, and adding two or three raw vegetables; a cooked vegetable; one or two fresh herbs; a legume or grain; meat, fish, poultry or tofu; and a colorful garnish.

Raw vegetables: fennel, cucumbers, sprouts, grated carrots, avocado, red onions, cabbage, zucchini or peppers.

Cooked vegetables: Steamed and cooled asparagus, potatoes, string beans, cauliflower, broccoli or leeks or stir-fried eggplant.

Fresh herbs: basil, chives, coriander, dill, tarragon or parsley

Legumes or grains: lentils, white beans, red beans, rice, bulgur or quinoa.

Meat, fish poultry or tofu: shredded chicken, smoked meats, tuna or salmon.

Garnishes: anchovies, croutons, capers, cheese, nuts, seeds, olives.

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Everyday, thousands of cars on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway zoom past the junction on the road to Ashdod, passing the old British police fortress of Latrun, with a tank perched on a tower beside it. The tank monument is part of a museum and memorial to the armored corps of the IDF.

But the Latrun fortress itself stands as a sort of monument to the bloody struggles that took place for this crucial point 50 years ago during the War of Independence.

The protracted battles that exploded around the fortress and wheat fields of Latrun, like those of the entire war, were marked by chaos, acute shortages of materials and manpower, dissent within the command structure, and the mistakes that appear tragic and even stupid in hindsight. The battles were also characterized by luck, incredible courage, sacrifice and determination.

From the observation post on the roof of the fort, the crucial importance of this topography becomes clear. To the west and south, the hills are low, gentle, rolling. But east of the fortress the hills thrust up with sudden ruggedness.

According to the biblical account, Joshua charged down after the Amorites from the Horon descent, northeast of here in the Ayalon Valley. There the Amorites were pummeled with stones from the heavens, and the sun and moon stood still while Joshua finished them off.

Also near here Judah the Maccabee defeated the Seleucids. King Richard the Lionhearted was also here: The ruins of a Crusader fortress he controlled gaze down from the high ridge-top to the east.

Close Encounters
By Allan Rabinowitz

And on these gentle swells, golden with wheat in the spring of 1948, with the Jewish state just 10 days old, European refugees fresh off the boat, with no training and little Hebrew, charged toward this massive fortress with its iron gun slits.

David Ben-Gurion had insisted repeatedly that Latrun must – and could – be taken.

Latrun guarded the access to the Sha'ar Hagai pass, four kilometers eastward, where the road to Jerusalem narrowed into a stony ravine. Without that pass the Jerusalem road could not be controlled. The 95,000 Jews in Jerusalem were in danger of starvation and capture, and the city itself would be lost.

Ben-Gurion insisted on saving Jerusalem by taking Latrun. Chief of staff Yigael Yadin fiercely opposed the effort, arguing that it would dangerously weaken already embattled forces. Yadin believed that Jerusalem could be dealt with later, and that a direct assault on Latrun would be suicidal.

Ironically, the Arab garrison had abandoned the outpost shortly before. An Israeli unit had moved in and had also left. So the focus of several future, bloody battles was left empty for two critical days, before an Arab force returned.

A sense of foreboding gripped the usually confident Israeli officers as rapid battle plans were laid out and new immigrants were gathered at their launching point. The names of some were not even officially registered anywhere.

They had trained for barely a week, had no common language, were issued outdated weapons, some of them holding guns for the first time. Some of the men wore bright shirts and sandals. They lacked enough water to withstand the scorching heat.

What was meant to be a surprise pre-dawn attack started late, and the rising sun revealed motley units charging across the wheat fields. But heavy artillery was trained on every rise and gully.

The attack fell apart as Arab sharpshooters ravaged the disintegrating ranks. Raw recruits, screaming in Yiddish, broken Hebrew and a cacophony of other languages, panicked and broke ranks, to be mowed down like the wheat around them. Remnants who gathered on a hill were in danger of encirclement and retreated with the dead and seriously wounded who had been uncharacteristically left behind.

A second attack, commanded by the American colonel Mickey Marcus, nearly succeeded, with Israeli sappers and armored cars penetrating the fortress courtyard; the shell holes can still be seen in the thick walls. But enemy artillery, and a series of mistakes, missed cues and unused forces turned it into defeat.

By the time a third attack was launched, the alternative Burma Road – a thin track to the south that was carved out and completed with stunning daring and rapidity – now threaded the steep, rocky hills toward Jerusalem. Four attempts failed to take the fortress, but ultimately the Burma Road allowed Israeli convoys to bypass Latrun completely.

Today, armored vehicles, including tanks from the 1948 war, again surround Latrun as part of the armored corps museum and memorial there. The strength and sophistication of Israel's armor since then, on view at the museum, offers a sharp contrast to the vulnerable contraptions scraped together for the assault on Latrun 50 years ago.

Displays include the American tanks that are part of Israel's modern arsenal, Russian tanks captured from Arab armies and several models of the innovative Israeli Merkava, considered one of the best tanks in the world.

Inside the museum, a movie highlights the versatility of modern armored vehicles and the camaraderie and expertise of *tankistim*. For me, the most powerful scene in the film is a blinded *tankist* pleading for the ability to see his baby daughter for just one moment.

Outside, a long wall, engraved with names, honors the armored corps soldiers who died in action. But inside, there is a different kind of memorial, a computer filled with files on the lives of the fallen soldiers, with reminiscences by family and friends. As the user learns about these lives lopped short, of the individuality of each man listed on the outside wall, the enormity of the losses becomes overpowering.

But for so many who tried to take this strategic point in their first days in their new homeland, to help save lives in Jerusalem, there are no computer files; their names remain unknown.

The Latrun fortress is currently undergoing renovations, but can still be visited. Tours in English and Hebrew with armored corps guides are available if arranged in advance. Open Sun-Thurs, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Fri. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tel. (08) 924-6722.

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Office of the Prime Minister
Summary of instructions regarding the legal holidays of Independence Day and the Friday immediately following

As every year, Independence Day this year (April 30, 1998), will be a legal holiday, in accordance with the regulations of the Independence Day Law, 5709/1949 (hereunder "the Independence Day Law").

Having in mind the celebrations for Independence Day and the Jubilee, the Knesset has enacted the Independence Day Law (Jubilee of Israel's Independence) 5758/1998 (hereunder the "temporary provision"), which establishes the day following Independence Day (Friday, May 1, 1998) as an additional legal holiday.

The Independence Day Law and the temporary provision grant the Prime Minister the authority to determine which types of work will be carried out, and which services will be provided on Independence Day and on the additional legal holiday.

Under this authority, the Prime Minister has issued the following instructions:

1. The arrangements in effect every year on Independence Day will also apply this year, unless specific instructions to the contrary are given below.
2. The work and services that are provided every year on Independence Day will also be performed on the additional legal holiday.
3. In municipalities and the areas of other local authorities, the following work will be carried out and services provided:
   Garbage collection, running of water and sewerage utilities, emergency services including veterinary services, and municipal hotline and fire fighting services.
4. Commerce: On Independence Day and the additional legal holiday, the following will operate:
   a. Restaurants and gas stations will be open on Independence Day and the additional legal holiday.
   b. Supermarket chains and malls, as defined below, will operate as follows:
   "Supermarket chain" - a corporation comprising a number of retail stores specializing in the sale of food items.
   "Mall" - a closed building containing a large number of stores, one or more of which are required to operate and provide services, in accordance with the above law.
   "Basic food products" - milk and milk products, bread and bread products, eggs and meat.
   Supermarket chains will operate on the additional legal holiday, to the extent necessary to provide a regular supply of basic food products for the public.
   Malls will operate on Independence Day and the additional legal holiday to the extent necessary for the regular operation of those stores which are required to work on these days, as specified above, and to the extent necessary for the regular operation of the entertainment establishments located there.
5. Industry: On the additional legal holiday, work and services will continue in those plants in which production must be carried out without interruption (including glassworks, metal foundries, refineries, cement plants, etc.), as well as food plants which normally work in three shifts round the clock, to provide a continuous supply to supermarket chains.
   In addition, work will be carried out on the additional legal holiday by suppliers of basic food products to stores, to the extent necessary for the regular operation of supermarket chains on that day.
   Without affecting any of the above provisions, dairies and plants which process milk products will operate to the extent necessary to prevent damage and to ensure the regular supply of milk products, on the additional legal holiday and afterwards.

It should be noted that Independence Day and the additional legal holiday have not been designated "days of rest," under the Work Hours and Rest Days Law, 5711-1951, and there is therefore no prohibition against working on these days.
In addition, it should be emphasized that the Prime Minister's instructions, as specified above, do not affect arrangements made under labor agreements at places of work, concerning Independence Day and the additional legal holiday. These matters are to be arranged in accordance with the labor agreements at these work places, and agreements made, in line with collective labor agreements.

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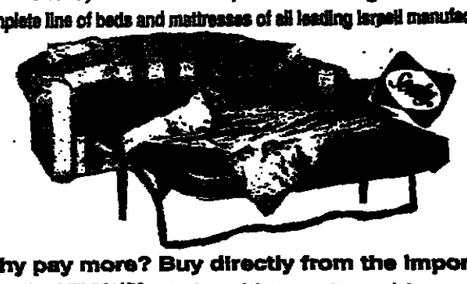
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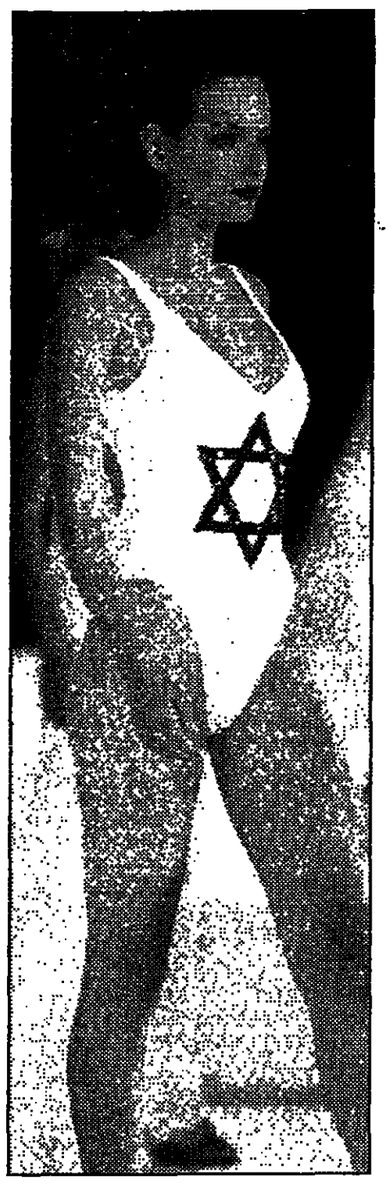
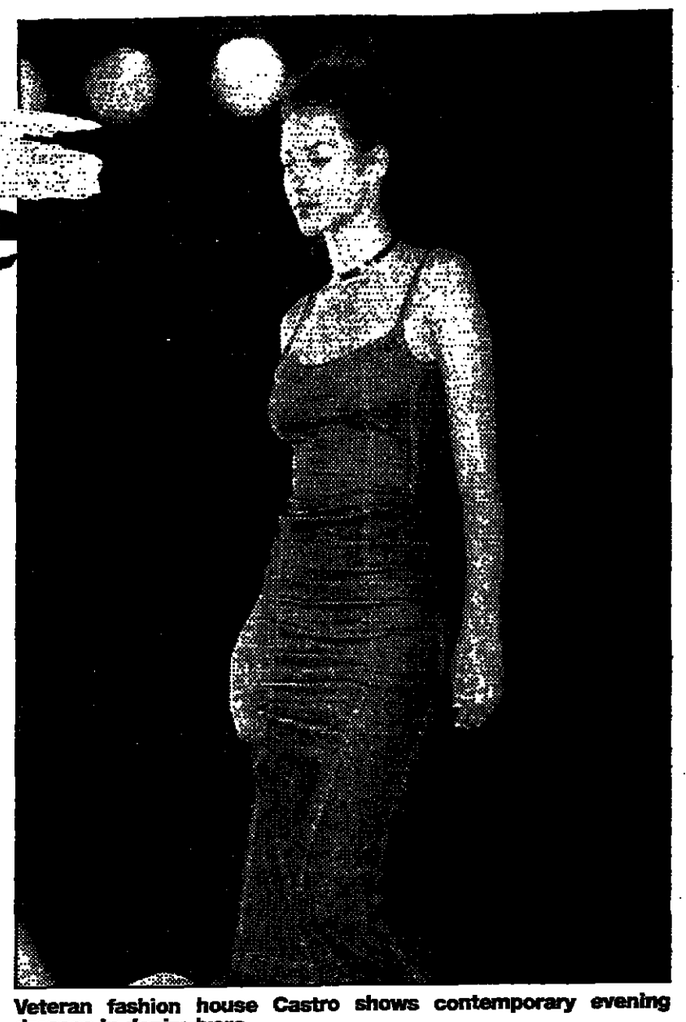
Weekender Leisure

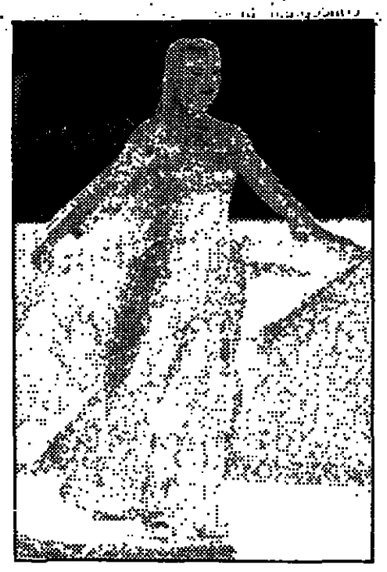
Actress and socialite Dalia Lavi draped in a Gideon Oberson gown.



Galit Gutman in a patriotic Gottex swimsuit.



Veteran fashion house Castro shows contemporary evening dresses in denim-lycra.



(From left) International model Yaron Fink dons a Gershon Bram suit; Business tycoon turned politician Pnina Rosenbloom in an evening gown by her personal designer Daniel Goldenberg; Full-bodied beauty Stella Amar, in towering platforms, models a gown by Oushida.

50 years of fashion

Flair

By Greer Fay Cashman

After producing last Tuesday's fabulous retrospective of 50 years of Israeli fashion, Motti Reif, who irects most of the country's topline fashion ıows, can go into retirement. There's no ·ay he's going to do anything bigger and etter, unless someone hires him to produce show featuring the clothes of the century r the mantles of the millennium.

Aside from its nostalgia and entertainıent value, the show proved that even in its ıderdeveloped state, Israel has been far om a backwater on the world fashion ene. Some of the designs dating back 40 ears plus looked more in vogue than curnt "retro" fashions.

The show also provided an opportunity to ıor two of the people who have made the ggest impact on Israel's fashion scene, ıd have done more than anyone else to cre- Israel's fashion image abroad.

Tel Aviv mayor Ronni Milo presented ottex matriarch Lea Gottlieb with a lifene achievement award – a gold dressmak-'s dummy – which is fashion's answer to Oscar. WIZO President Michal Moda'i, ıo was Israel's first beauty queen, preıted a similar award to Gideon Oberson.

Moda'i was one of a long list of former auty queens and Miss Israels who graced runway. Some of the others included nit Rinat, Liora Lapidot, Hava Levy, Karin ısky, Sapir Kaufman, Ilana Shoshan and ernational film star Dalia Lavi. They all l look gorgeous, with just a little more 's than they had when they were younger. Batya Dissentchik, another former queen the catwalk who still cuts an aristocratic and graceful figure, also proved that she still has tremendous presence, as did business tycoon Pnina Rosenbloom, who is now casting her hat into the political ring.

The participation of so many attractive women whose faces once graced the covers of magazines reinforced the message that clothes in themselves do not necessarily make fashion. It's the people who wear them that give them their panache.

THE WHOLE concept of the show was to bring to life the history of the country's fashions. Its execution was a joy to behold. Not only were past-era fashions recreated or brought out of mothballs, but even the make-up and hairstyles were resurrected – the latter with the help of wigs and hairpieces.

With such a huge investment in time, energy and money, it was a pity that many of the scenes were so fleeting. It would have been much more pleasurable to see the garments paraded at a leisurely pace so that spectators could gain a better appreciation of the styles of yesteryear and reflect nostalgically on what they themselves had worn. Seeing clothes in motion is not quite the same as looking at still photographs of the same garments.

There were a few glitches and technical hitches; all the emcees used both hand-held cards and teleprompters, but the texts didn't always correspond to the action, and scenes had to be reshot.

The fashion industry, while known for its bitchiness, does not begrudge achievement and fame. When looking back at people who set the tone for Israel's trends across the decades, the retrospective gave ample credit to the first ladies of fashion in the nascent state: the late Finny Leitersdorf and Lola Beer, both the incarnation of elegance.

A special memorial video was shown in tribute to panther-like super model Tami Ben-Ami, who died of cancer three years ago. Posing in Gottex swim- and beachwear, she made her own contribution to Israel's place on the international fashion map.

Diva, one of the more veteran fashion companies, which runs slightly behind Gottex and Gideon Oberson in the swimwear stakes, but nonetheless produces gorgeous garments, showed some of its '50s creations. They looked as if they'd just come off this season's drawing board.

Fashion is one area in which it can truly be said that what goes around comes around. The magnificent, sophisticated knitwear items that Pnina Shalon produced 30 and 40 years ago for the gala Israel Bond fund-raisers in the US looked as modern as tomorrow's fashions, partially because knits are back in vogue, but also because their classic chic never really goes out of style.

The ethnic look developed by Rojy Ben Yosef for the now defunct Rikma company looked as timeless last week as it did 20 years ago, when she used striped toweling and curtain fabrics to create the fluid but striking dresses that foreign fashion writers gushed over.

Niba, a pre-State clothier with enormous staying power, showed vintage dresses in enchanting black and white prints teamed with socks and sandals – not a lot different from what Niba is doing today.

Castro, another veteran company, showed contemporary evening dresses in denim-lycra. Castro is among the fashion houses and designers also familiar to the current younger generation. Others included Rosh Indiani, Dorin Frankfurt, Hagara, Dorit Sadeh and Oushida, which revived the sheer, full skirted romantic dresses over swirling petticoats which many years ago were worn to Tel Aviv dances.

Clothes worn by entertainers are often copied in street fashions. This can hardly be said of the exotic gowns associated with singer Shoshana Damari. But because they are so special, they too had a place in this fascinating fashion caravan. Damari herself made an appearance in a sky-blue bordered turquoise ensemble designed by Yehuda D'Or. This time she didn't sing; that honor was accorded to Yardena Arazi.

There isn't room here to do justice to everyone who had a hand in the production, but suffice to say that despite frequent technical problems, it was one of Israel's finer hours away from the battlefields.

The edited version was shown on Sunday on Channel 2, a copy of which will eventually find its way to the Shenkar College library, where it can be a learning tool, an item of historic record, a source of entertainment and a trip down memory lane for anyone who feels a yearning for the past.

Bridge

Counting on Omar

By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

South dealer
Neither side vulnerable

North (Granovetter)
♠J 9 2
♥K Q 10 5 4
♦4
♣K J 8 5

West (Chemla)
♠A 7 6 5
♥9 8
♦A 9 6
♣10 9 4 3

East (Omar)
♠8 4 3
♥J 6
♦Q 10 8 7 5 3
♣A 6

South (Zia)
♠K Q 10
♥A 7 3 2
♦K J 2
♣Q 7 2

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	pass	1 ♥	pass
1 NT	pass	3 ♣	pass
3 NT	(all pass)		

Opening lead: ♦9

The fourth Generali Masters, an Individual event held two weeks ago in Corsica, was won by Paul Chemla of Paris (men's division) and Migri Tzur-Alba of Tel Aviv (women's division). Generali, one of the largest insurance groups in the world, offered 300,000 francs in cash prizes.

Individuals are events where everyone partners everyone else. These two events were by invitation to 52 men and 28 women from around the world, playing 102 deals in the men's and 84 deals in the women's, scored by matchpoints. Tzur-Alba's regular partner, Ruth Levit-Porat, finished fourth in the women's division. These two players have been the mainstay of the Israeli Women's Team for many years and have won the bronze medal twice in the European Ladies Teams.

Paul Chemla is a current Bermuda Bowl champion, having won the World Team Championship last year in Tunisia, and has also won the Team Olympiad for France in 1980 in Valkenburg and 1992 in Salsomaggiore. More recently, he won the European Mixed Teams two weeks prior to the Generali.

Chemla sat West in today's deal, which comes from a Dutch invitational pair event played in the Hague in 1987. I remember the hand well because I was sitting North as the dummy on a deal in which I should never have been dummy. My partner, sitting South, was Zia Mahmood, formerly of Pakistan, now residing in New York. And East was the famous film star, Omar Sharif. (Whenever the counting of the Omer comes around, between Passover and Shavuot, I seem to recall deals I've played against Omar.)

North-South were using weak notrumps and five-card majors. An opening one notrump would have shown 12-to-14 points, and a one-heart opening would have shown a five-card suit, so South had to start with one club. Over the one-heart response, South rebid one notrump, showing 15-to-17 points. His suppression of the four-card heart support – the pedestrian bid was a raise to two hearts – was due to his balanced shape, his personal propensity toward making the abnormal call and his general desire to steal the hand from his partner. Unfortunately, I was his partner!

The jump to three clubs was forcing and South had a second chance to show heart support but instead bid three notrump, making North the dummy. Chemla (West), perhaps trying to outdo Zia in the flair department, led the nine of diamonds. Omar (East) played the queen and Zia won the king. Zia led a heart to dummy's king and called for the five of clubs. Omar went up with his ace of clubs and played back the ten of diamonds.

This was the crucial moment. If Zia covered with the jack of diamonds, Chemla would win the ace and return a diamond to Omar's long suit, and the contract would be down three tricks. If Zia played low on the ten of diamonds, the 10 would win the trick, but the diamond suit would be blocked. The best the defenders could do would be to cash two diamond tricks and their two black aces – making three notrump.

Zia thought about it and finally played the jack of diamonds on the 10. So he went three down. Later he told me he was counting on Omar to hold the A-Q-10 fifth of diamonds. I argued with him, saying, first, you have to be Jewish to count the Omer and second, if you want to count on Omar, then count on him overcalling two diamonds if he held a long, strong diamond suit and an outside ace.

Since he did not overcall, he was not likely to hold that strong of a suit. Nevertheless, the truth is that it was Chemla's clever opening lead that convinced my partner that the ace of diamonds was on his right.

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Chess

Don't cry over Karpov

By NIGEL SHORT

As I write, Anatoly Karpov is languishing without victory on three-and-a-half points out of nine at the traditional Hoogovens tournament in Holland. It is a very poor performance and one which would have been inconceivable some time ago. But before we shed too many tears, perhaps we should consider whether he is really deserving of our sympathy.

Over the years there have been several changes to the regulation of the World Championship which would appear, to an impartial onlooker (of which admittedly I am not one), to have benefited Karpov and Karpov alone. I refer not to the fact that he became World Champion in 1975 without having to play a World Championship Match, although some people, particularly Americans, still hold that against him. No, I refer to him being uniquely granted the right of a rematch after losing to Kasparov in 1985, which, on an elementary mathematical calculation, gave him a 75 percent chance of retaining his title.

Of course, as we know, the granting of this grotesque privilege was insufficient. He was then, without precedent, seeded directly to the Candidates' Final (instead of slugging his way through the matches) where he merely had to dispose of Andrei Sokolov before being offered an other crack at Kasparov. He failed again.

Karpov's big break came when I crushed him in 1992. Had he beaten me, he would have needed to beat Timman and Kasporov to become World Champion. By losing he only needed to beat Timman (whom I had already beaten) to become FIDE 'World' Champion.

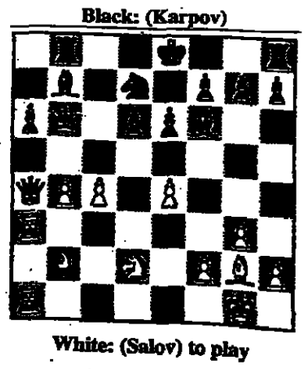
As if this were not enough, the recent event in Lausanne was rigged so blatantly that it was inevitable that he would meet a challenger on the point of physical collapse.

Perhaps Karpov's miserable play of late will curtail his deceitful posturing; but I wouldn't count on it.

White: Salov
Black: Karpov
Wijk aan zee, 1998

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Ba6 5. Nbd2 Bb7, arguing that the knight is misplaced on d2. **6. Bg2 c5 7. e4 cxd4 8. 0-0!?** d6 8. ...Nxe4? is too risky eg 9. Nc5 d5 (9. ...Nd6 10. Bxb7 Nxb7 11. Qf3) 10. cxd5 exd5 11. Qa4+ Nd7 12. Nxe4 dxe4 13. Bh3 with a decisive attack. **9. Nxd4 a6?!** By no means an improvement upon the stem game Ivanchuk-Karpov, Linares 1994 when 9. ...Qd7 led to a Black victory after some horrible play by White. **10. Re1 Qc7 11. a4!** energetically exploiting his lead in development. **11. ...Nc6 12. Nxc6 Bxc6 13. a5! Rb8** 13. ...bxa5 14. Nb3 a4 15. Nd4 is likewise nasty. **14. axb6 Qxb6 15. Re3** a clever deployment of the rook. **15. ...Nd7 16. Rb3 Qa7 17. Rba3 Bb7**, horribly passive, but after 17. ...Nc5 18. Qc2 Be7 19. b4! Rxb4 20. Qc3 Black runs into difficulties. **18. b4 Qb6 19. Qa4 Be7 20. Bb2 Bf6**

Black: (Karpov)



White: (Salov) to play

21.e5! Energetically exploiting the disorderly Black forces. **21. ...Bxe5 22. c5 Qc7 23. Bxe5 dxe5 24. Bxb7 Rxb7 25. c6 Nb6 26. Qxa6 Qxc6** Losing a piece, but Karpov probably didn't fancy his prospects against the two connected past pawns with 26. ...Rb8. The end comes quickly now. **27. Nc4 Rb8 28. Nxb6 0-0 28. ...Rxb6 29. Qa8+ 29. Nc4 Qe4 30. Re3 Qd5 31. Rxe5 Rfe8 32. Qd3.** If 32. ...Rxb4 33. Qxd5 exd5 34. Nc6! exploits the back rank again. Black resigned. A fine game by Valery Salov.

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'We are not freiers'

If Arafat declares a state, Israel will show that it also can take unilateral action, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu tells *The Jerusalem Post's* Herb Keinon and Saul Singer in a wide-ranging interview

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu: **'The minute we forfeit land and hand it over to the Palestinians, we take a very big risk. But we can minimize that risk.'** (Isaac Harari)

Sunday was a nothing-out-of-the-ordinary kind of day for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

In the morning he chaired a short cabinet meeting, and in the afternoon he met for a couple of hours with US envoy Dennis Ross. A special cabinet meeting to deal with rising unemployment was postponed for a week because of the prime minister's tight schedule.

At nightfall, after Ross headed to Gaza for a meeting with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, Netanyahu did what he does so well – grant interviews.

Indeed, the prime minister turned himself into a veritable interview machine.

Journalist after journalist waited in his office, squirming impatiently on soft, enveloping couches, for the once-every-50-year jubilee interview with the prime minister.

First Ilana Dayan and Gidi Gov were there for a Channel 2 jubilee special. Then a reporter from the Russian language *Vesti*, followed by a correspondent from *Vesti*'s competitor, *Novesti Nedelyi*. And finally, at nearly 11 p.m., three hours later than scheduled, *The Jerusalem Post*.

The prime minister's bureau felt like a dentist's office. Journalists were ushered into Netanyahu's inner sanctum, given 20 to 30 minutes, and ushered out.

The time of day was barely felt inside the brightly lit corridors, as phones rang, televisions and radios blared, and people still came and went close to midnight. The time of day was also difficult to discern on Netanyahu's face.

Netanyahu sat behind his large, uncluttered desk, in front of four pictures of his family resting on bookshelves behind him. He answered question after question – in signature Netanyahu fashion, without missing a beat.

The room was inordinately cool, the air conditioner working overtime even on this chilly Jerusalem night to keep the office's chief occupant – wearing a coat and tie and obviously under intense pressure – cool.

Jubilees don't come around every day. As such, Netanyahu was eager to talk about the "vision thing." He was more interested in discussing the last 50 years in generalities than in giving specifics about the diplomatic maneuvers of the last few days.

What follows are excerpts of the interview:

In your discussions with Ross, what is holding up the negotiations with the Palestinians, the second withdrawal, or the third withdrawal?

We insist on two principles. One is reciprocity, which means the Palestinians have to carry out the promises they gave us time and time again in the Hebron and Oslo accords. The second is the principle that Israel and only Israel can determine its security requirements, and hence the extent of the redeployment. That is a fairly succinct summation of the problems we have.

Do you think Arafat will declare a Palestinian state in May 1999?

I strongly advise him not to. We prefer a negotiated solution, not unilateral actions where one side imposes his view of a final settlement on the other. Obviously if Arafat insists on going it alone, he will encounter unilateral actions on our part, which we prefer not to take, and the consequences will not benefit the Palestinians or peace.

The best thing to do is to avoid unilateral declarations or actions, and join – as I have been calling for over a year – accelerated negotiations on the final settlement.

What are the options, in terms of unilateral actions, that Israel can take?

They are pretty variegated. I would not start listing them now, you can use your imagination. I'm sure you will create a very long list. I don't think we should be dragged into a discussion of it.

Why not list the actions available? If Arafat says he will declare a state, why not say explicitly what you will do?

We may have no choice but to do that, but I prefer to exhaust the effort initially, to resume a different dialogue, a different atmosphere.

'We are not prepared to have a unilateral process where Israel gives and gives, and the PA receives and receives, and gives nothing in return'

Obviously, if we don't succeed, we will have to consider our options.

You have spoken about the small difference between a "state minus" and "autonomy plus." But whatever you call it, we are still talking about a demilitarized entity of some sort.

That's the whole point, we want to ensure it is a demilitarized entity. I don't know of too many demilitarized states, do you?

That's the question. Even if it is not a state, how can it be kept demilitarized?

By having Israel in overriding control of the international passage points, among other things. This doesn't prevent local production of weapons, but it makes it more difficult to envision tanks, artillery, heavy rockets and so on being posed on hills above Tel Aviv and Haifa, and around Jerusalem.

The minute we forfeit land and hand it over to the Palestinians, we take a very big risk. But we can minimize that risk, we can reduce that risk, by not throwing caution to the wind, by not adopting the facile position of some that we will let them have a state, let them do what they wish, let them arm themselves to the teeth, and let us close our eyes and hope for the best. We won't close our eyes.

Is there anything positive you can say about Yasser Arafat?

Well, I hope I'll be able to sign a final settlement with him. That's what I can tell you. If we get to that point, it means that he has done what has been required of him in the agreement, and that will indeed be a very positive development.

But what about at this point?

He has done one or two things recently against Hamas, but more in response to perceived internal threats. Nevertheless, these are positive actions. They merely show that he and the Palestinian Authority have the capacity to fight terrorism if they want to.

You have said that previous governments were not under as much international pressure as this one because they made concessions. But hasn't this government moved so far in the other direction that it is inviting pressure?

No. We haven't moved in any direction, we have been consistent and true to our principles. We are not *freiers* (suckers). We are not prepared to have a unilateral process where Israel gives and gives, and the Palestinian Authority receives and receives, and gives nothing in return. It is very difficult to make that change, especially since the Palestinian Authority was habituated to receiving everything and having the international community applaud it. And, of course, Israel was patted on the back as long as it continued to give.

When we put a stop to this and demanded reciprocity, and demanded that the Palestinians fight terrorism, two things happened. One, we were assailed from every conceivable direction, and two, terrorism declined. It has not disappeared by any stretch of the imagination, it could hit us at any moment, and we are busy fighting it with our own means as well.

Do you imagine the peace with the Palestinians to be like the peace with Jordan or Egypt, a full peace treaty? Or do you imagine that there will still be open issues even after the final settlement?

I would prefer to see a full peace treaty. With Jordan we had some issues left open, such as the precise delineation of the border. With Egypt we had something left open, which is the negotiations over autonomy. I don't know if anything will be left open with the peace treaty with the Palestinians, but I'd like to give it the stamp of finality so as to inject a very strong element of stability in what is otherwise an inherently unstable situation.

In 50 years do you think there will still be Jews living in Yitzhar, or in Bracha [two settlements near Nablus]?

Yes. I am not delineating a map for you, but our insistence has been on keeping all the settlements, that is in fact why we are undergoing this difficulty [in the negotiations]. I don't want to jeopardize the security of any one of them.

Is it possible to keep all the settlements, yet give the Palestinians a contiguous land area?

From our point of view it is. What we have been looking at, dealing with, are certain conceptions – I'm not sure it would be useful to get into them here – but arrangements which permit that to happen.

Do you envision that Jews will be in Hebron in 50 years celebrating the centennial there?

In another 250 years, and many more. We have had an almost uninterrupted Jewish presence in Hebron since biblical days, with some painful interruptions in this century, and I don't intend to have that interruption resumed.

The Jewish presence in Hebron is an integral part not only of our political policy, but also of our values. It is the oldest Jewish point of settlement on earth, and it is not one we are about to forsake, whether in terms of being there or protecting the people who are there.

Given that sentiment, how do you explain that Hebron settlers are always at the forefront of demonstrations against you?

Because they are at the friction point. Our policies are different from the previous government, which was effectively to evict them by a phased method, which, happily, did not materialize.

Their ministers declared time and time again that they did not see any point to Jews living in Hebron, that it was a mixed city and therefore the Jews should leave, as though this is merely a question of demographic neatness and comfort. There are other values in Hebron; it is the Tomb of our Patriarchs, where Jews have lived for thousands of years, and we view it as a value in and of itself for Jews to continue living there for thousands more years.

What message does the talk about bringing Moledet into the government send to the country, to the Israeli Arabs?

We don't accept [Moledet's] transfer doctrine. When [Rehavam] Ze'evi joined the previous Likud government he announced that he is accepting, had to agree, to the government's platform. That will be the situation in this case as well. He will know that we do not accept and do not adopt in any way his own policy.

You have to ask yourself what will be Ze'evi's contribution. We do not need Moledet to say no [to ratifying a second-stage withdrawal]. We probably don't need Moledet to say yes either, but it helps me to bring as many MKs together around an interim agreement, should we have one.

Will there ever be another decade in which a million Jews immigrate to Israel?

It is possible, and I would like to see it come from the West. Israel has just crossed the per capita income of western Europe, and has more scientists, technicians, technologists – relative to the size of the population – than any other country.

This is potentially the source of great wealth, because the future of wealth in the 21st century will be dominated by conceptual products. Look at the wealthiest man in the world today, Bill Gates. How much does he have today? Nobody can count his billions. But what we do know is how much he had 10 years ago. Close to zero. This is the greatest multiplication of wealth in history.

And what is true of individuals is true of nations, too. Those nations will thrive that have the ability to manipulate knowledge very rapidly in every field of human endeavor, and I believe that we are very fortunate to have that kind of advantage.

Therefore I think that Israel could – fasten your seat belts – be a very wealthy country, and I think that as the standard of living rises, it will begin to attract Jews from the West. It is already attracting Jews from parts of Great Britain that have a lower per capita income than Israel does.

I believe it will attract many Jews from South America, and many remaining Jews in Russia who are concentrated in the Moscow area, and who are doing better than they did before, but will do even better here. And I believe that we will see in the next 10 years a much larger immigration of Jews from North America.

Clearly, I would like to see all that immigration motivated first and foremost by Zionist ideals. But I also know that the span of this immigration would increase significantly if Israel is transformed, as we are rapidly transforming, into a liberal, free-market economy and society.

I think, too, that within the next decade we will see the realization of the dream of ages, namely that the majority of the Jewish people will for the first time in 2000 years live in the Land of Israel and the Jewish state. This is an unparalleled achievement that we can accelerate by doing something else on the 50th anniversary of Israel.

Up to now we received assistance, up to now assistance flowed one way, from the Diaspora to Israel. As Israel gets more prosperous, more developed, it has to start worrying about securing the Jewish people in the Diaspora by beginning to invest – this year in a symbolic way, and continuously from now on – in Jewish education, the teaching of Hebrew, the teaching of Jewish and Zionist history, the expansion of Jewish identity and pride in the Diaspora. That is the key to aliya, the key – in my judgment – to the well-being of Jewish communities abroad. I believe that this transformation will begin this year.

I know people don't believe this, but people didn't believe me when I said that I would start to draw down on American financial aid, and we are going to conclude that agreement now.

Believe it, Israel is going to start helping the Diaspora, because that it is a central task, to save the Jewish people from the abyss of assimilation. This is one the fundamental tasks facing the State of Israel as it enters the 21st century.

Does this mean Israel will start telling federations in America to keep their money there and invest in Jewish education, rather than sending it to Israel?

I'm not sure that we shouldn't send money directly, or talk to the Jewish Agency and talk about programs [in the Diaspora], joint programs, funded partly by them and partly by us, by the budget of the Jewish state.

Can Israel do something about the fact that 60 percent of American Jews have never visited?

I think we have had three periods since the Zionist restoration. The first 50 years the Jewish people had to launch a major effort to recover what was lost in the long years of exile –Jewish sovereignty in the Jewish land.

In the next 50 years we had to struggle very hard to protect what had been achieved, and we still have our challenges ahead of us. But I believe we have been able to establish miracles.

In the next 50 years the Jewish state has to act to prevent a disintegration of Jewish life outside the Jewish state, and create a human bridge of aliya that will both sustain the state, and, not paradoxically, sustain the communities, which will have families in Israel and in the Diaspora. That is a natural transition of a great success story.

I think Israel is the greatest success story of the 20th century, and in many ways it is the greatest triumph of a people of all the nations of history.

I walked on the fields of death in Auschwitz and Birkenau. It wasn't clear 50 years ago after the horror of the loss of European Jewry, one-third of the Jewish people, that the Jewish people could survive. And yet it is very clear that we have, it is very clear that we have a future, it is very clear that we are able to direct our destiny in ways Jews could not do so in this century.

One final question. Polls are constantly asking people to rate your first two years. On a scale of one to 10, how would you rate yourself?

I don't. I worry about leaders that think about how others will write about them, how they will rate, how will they do and so on. I worry about what I am doing for my country and my people, not how I am rated by this and that newspaper, not even, with all due respect, *The Jerusalem Post*.

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

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in the field of Absorption of Ethiopian Olim
awarded to the **Association for the Advancement of the Ethiopian Family and Child**

in the field of Early Childhood Education
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in the field of Israeli or Zionist Heritage
awarded to the **Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archive, Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

in the field of the Most Disadvantaged in the Community
awarded to **Melabev, Community Clubs for the Impaired Elderly**

in the field of the Arab Sector
awarded to the **Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development**

in the field of Women's Issues
awarded to **One in Nine - Women for Women with Cancer**

in the field of Preservation/Conservation
awarded to **Adam Teva V'Din - The Israel Union for Environmental Defense**

in the field of Religious Pluralism and Tolerance
awarded to **Sovlanut/Tolerance - A Non-Partisan Movement Against Violence**

The award ceremony will take place at the President's Residence on Tuesday, May 12, 1998, at 12 noon. Entrance by invitation only.

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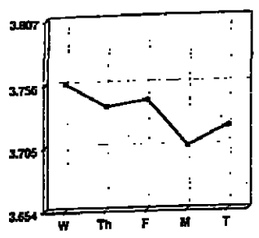

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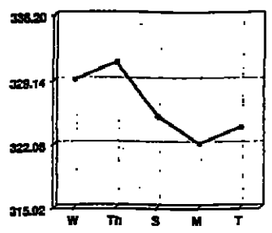

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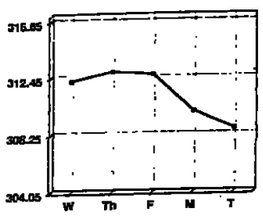

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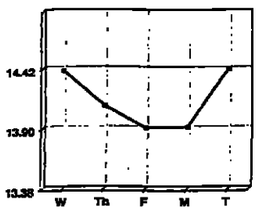

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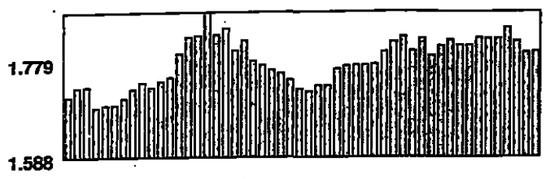

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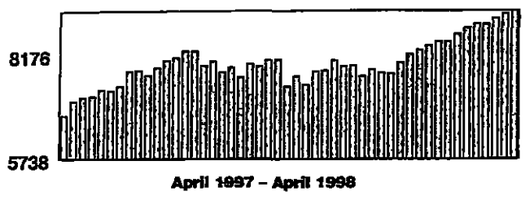

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BITS AND BYTES

By NINA GILBERT

Chase Manhattan buys Seal Systems product

Chase Manhattan Bank has purchased the Authorizer electronic signature system developed by Jerusalem start-up Seal Systems, in the company's first major deal and first sale in the United States. In the first phase, the product will be used in the company's New York headquarters and will then be installed in the rest of the bank's offices. The product, PrivaSeal, is the OEM version of the Authorizer marketed by the Kfar Sava-based Aliroo. The product was named Best Executive Perk by *Time* magazine at this year's CeBIT conference. The Authorizer is a digital signature system which enables the transfer of authorized materials electronically, thus saving on the costs of printing and sending documents. Marketing vice president Sheldon Shulman said the "purchase of the product by a premier financial institution, which can buy anything it wants, shows that we read the market correctly. The deal is a breakthrough into the US market." Shulman said the company is close to closing deals with major companies for the inclusion of the product in software packages.

ECI gets $18m. in orders from Brazil

ECI Telecom this week won two contracts via Istelcom, valued at some $18 million, to supply systems for Brazil's national telecommunications company, Embratel. One contract is to supply a system for detection and correction of transmission difficulties on fiber-optic links. The new product, the QuadCoder 300, allows for the cheaper operation of domestic cellular networks. The second contract is for the supply of circuit compression equipment to facilitate voice and fax traffic via cable and satellite over Embratel's international links.

Istelcom, an integrator of telecommunications systems, is a member of the Claridge Group. The Petah Tikva-based ECI produces telecommunications network and data transmission solutions. The company has sold tens of millions of dollars worth of systems in Brazil.

Microsoft cracks down on Israeli piracy

Microsoft Israel said this week that has launched a crackdown on piracy in Israel and has initiated legal proceedings against five companies distributing pirated software. Suits have been filed recently against five companies, including Jerusalem's Mahshevim Yashir, Ramat Gan's Logic Israel, Rehovot's Epsilon computers, the Tivon computer company, and B. Eitani of Beersheba.

Microsoft claims that the companies have sold computers containing pirated software.

During his recent visit here, Microsoft's No. 2 official, Steve Ballmer, said Israel's piracy rate stands at about 68%, which is higher than other Western countries. This costs the company losses of $50 million a year in Israel alone. According to Ami Fleisher, head of Microsoft Israel's copyright and piracy department, the company will also launch an information campaign against piracy.

Smart card industry leaders set standard

Twelve computer industry leaders involved in smart card technologies, including the Israeli start-up First Access, announced a decision on a technological standard this week. The new technology, called OpenCard Framework 1.0 (OCF), will enable software developers to create smart card applications that can be used across a variety of devices, such as PCs, network computers and point of sale terminals.

The companies established an an hoc industry group to simplify the use of smart card technology across different systems. Other members of the group, the OpenCard Consortium, include Bull Personal Transaction Systems, Dallas Semiconductors, IBM, Netscape Communications Corp., Sun Microsystems and Visa International.

The Haifa-based First Access is an industry leader in contactless smart card technology.

Level 8, Mitsui sign cooperation agreement

Level 8 Systems has signed a cooperation agreement with Japanese company Mitsui & Co., which will market its FalconMQ messaging product in the Japanese market.

Mitsui is also to make the product compatible for the Japanese market, which is necessary to enable users in Japan and the Far East process material in Japanese and other Asian languages.

Level 8, based in New York, has its R&D center here, and is a subsidiary of Liraz Systems.

Neeman briefs Frenkel only 2 hours before public

Frenkel kept in the dark over currency reform details

By DAVID HARRIS

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel was informed of the exact implementation process for the currency liberalization just two hours before the details were presented to the press, according to senior sources in the central bank.

Finance Minister Ya'akov Neeman announced to journalists that next week the supervisor of foreign currency at the bank will issue a general permit allowing full freedom for currency transactions on the part of Israelis.

At an as yet unspecified time after that, the government will introduce a reform of the Supervision of Foreign Currency Law, which will enshrine the changes.

Neeman told Frenkel of this plan in a corner of the Knesset Finance Committee room immediately after informing MKs of the general plan and before meeting journalists waiting outside the room, the sources explained.

In recent days, Frenkel had made absolutely clear that the changes must not be implemented until the statute books were updated through Knesset legislation. However, Neeman, in a bid to push the liberalization package through on time, decided on the general permit.

While denying bank officials were angry or disappointed by the decision-making process, one said "yes it is ridiculous, but that's the reality."

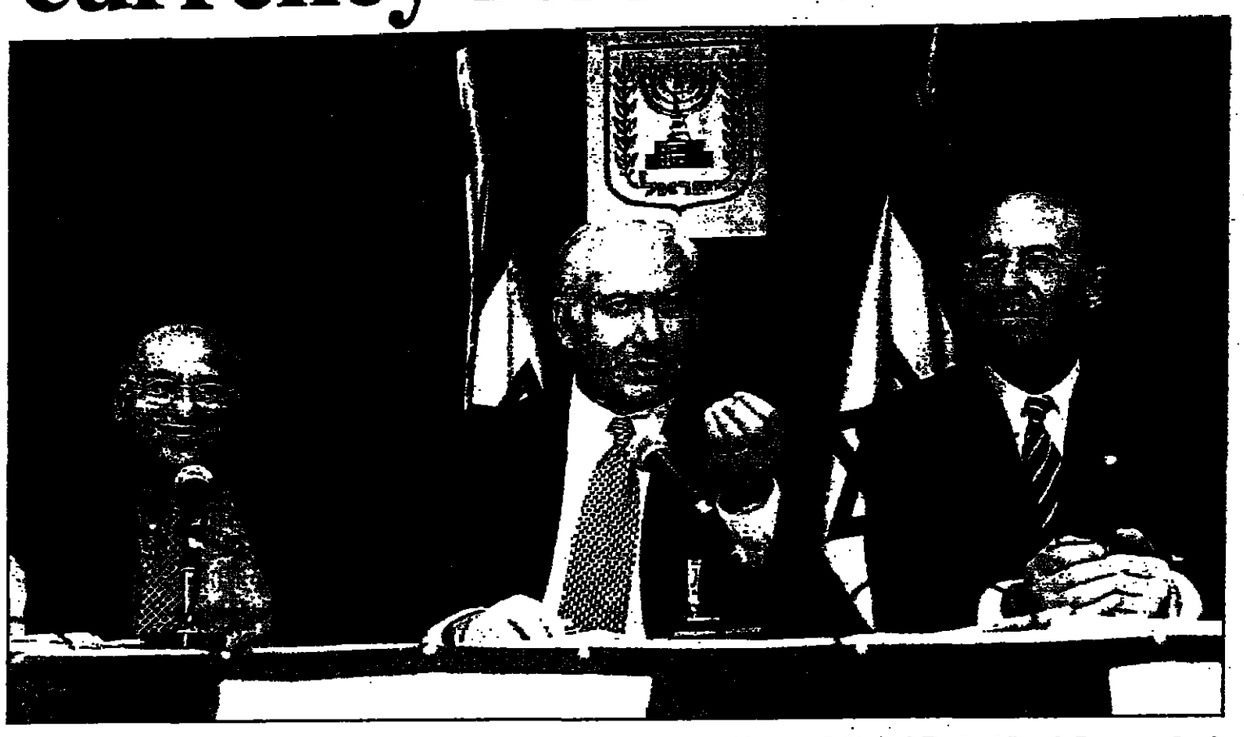
A second central bank official added that there is concern that introducing the legislative changes may prove to be harder than is currently envisaged and therefore may take time to pass through the Knesset.

Any such time lag would make it easier for citizens to take advantage of the new regulations without being forced to submit the legally required reports on overseas activities.

Prior to the press conference, Labor's economic affairs spokesman, Avraham Shohat, attacked the government for deciding to press ahead with the measures before announcing the relevant tax changes and introducing separate legislation necessary ahead of their implementation.

Neeman said at yesterday's news conference that at a later stage he will introduce legislation to cover the tax issue.

This leaves open the question as to whether the taxes imposed on earnings overseas will be retroactively imposed from the time the liberalization measures come into effect. However, Frenkel said "the Finance Ministry has already said they won't be retroactive."



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, flanked by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman (left), and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, yesterday presented the liberalization plan, which aims to turn the shekel into a fully convertible currency. (Ariel Jerozolimsky)

European bond market prepares to flex muscles

By ZIMRI SMITH

LONDON (Bloomberg) – European bond markets will take a major step towards challenging the US as the world's biggest bond market this weekend when the European Union selects the countries that will found the euro in January.

The selection is the last major step before 11 European bond markets in January effectively become a single $7 trillion pool of government and corporate debt.

The extent to which Europe successfully steals the thunder of the $10 trillion US debt market hinges on the strength of the new single European currency against the dollar, investors said.

"The real question in the years ahead will be how the euro will come together," said Vic Thompson, who oversees $150 billion of fixed-income securities at State Street Global Advisors in Boston.

Last month, the European Commission recommended admission of all 11 nations that were hopeful of joining the single currency: Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and Finland.

While governments have until 2001 to redenominate existing debt into the new currency, the bulk of European bonds are *expected to convert immediately* to making payments in euros.

Joined together, "longer term, the European currencies, and therefore the euro, will begin to pick up ground and should perform well" against currencies such as the dollar and the British pound, said Rod Davidson, who helps oversee $1 billion at Murray Johnstone Asset Management in Glasgow.

It's likely to take some time for the European Central Bank, which will oversee the euro from its inception in January, to win the confidence of international investors.

With double-digit unemployment plaguing several European countries, central bankers may be less inclined to fight inflation and put a damper on economic growth by raising interest rates, said Claudio Zampa, head of fixed-income trading at Bank of America in London.

"I think [the euro] will not be very strong at the beginning," he said. "It will be more advantageous for many countries to have it a little weak" to reduce the threat of driving up unemployment rates, Zampa said.

Public holds only 38% of TASE shares

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Figures published by the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange show that public holdings in outstanding stocks traded on the bourse remained low in 1997, limiting the public's influence on companies' managements.

According to the report, the public holds only 38 percent of the companies that are included in the Tel Aviv 100 index of large firms.

The figure is substantially higher than the average public holdings of 33% of all shares traded on the TASE and holdings of only 27.4% in company stocks which are not included in the TA-100 index. The number does not include, however, the companies which are subject to the privatization process, in which the public holds only 25%.

Despite that, the public holds more than NIS 1 billion in each of the privatized companies, which include Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi, Israel Discount Bank, Bezeq and Israel Chemicals. The public's holding in these companies has also increased from 17.6% at the end of 1993 to 24% at the end of last year.

The figures suggest that despite the fact that the government has reduced its holdings in publicly traded companies, holders of majority stakes actually control most of the companies, thus limiting the possibility of hostile takeovers and battles for control, which in turn reduces the public's power to influence management.

This can clearly be seen by the fact that the public holds more than 50% in only 65 shares; of these, the public holds more than half of the equity and voting rights in just 36.

The majority of these companies are listed both on the TASE and on the US markets. Other companies in which the public holds a majority are firms that face serious difficulties.

By contrast, in 140 companies, 20% of the TASE, the public controls less than 15%.

The report authors, Kobi Avramov and Shimon Raz, also show that in the 84 companies, which are included in the TA-100 index and were already traded in 1993, public holdings remained unchanged.

Meanwhile, government holdings fell during 1997 from 16.5% to only 11.3% marking the success of the government efforts to reduce its holdings in public companies.

The government last year sold shares in public companies for NIS 8.2b. including the sale of the controlling stake in Bank Hapoalim, the sale of a stake in Israel Chemicals to the Israel Corporation and part of Bezeq to American investment house Merrill Lynch.

In addition, the government has reduced its holdings in Bank Leumi and Israel Discount Bank.

Foreign investors who are interested parties (with holdings of more than 5% in a company), held about 9% of all stocks on the TA-100 in 1997, compared with less than 5% in the remaining shares.

Total holdings of foreign interested parties rose by 1.5% to 8.5% in 1997. The rise is attributed to the sale of Bank Hapoalim shares to the Arison Group, of which a third were foreigners, and to the purchasing of additional shares in Koor Industries by Claridge Israel, who took control of Israel's largest holding company last year.

The rise was also affected by the sale of a controlling stake in Leumi Insurance to Italian insurer Assicurazioni Generali.

Public holdings in shares which are traded on the TASE amounted at the end of 1997 to NIS 52b., which is equivalent to 33.1% of the total value of stocks, compared with 32.3% in 1996.

Japan's largest finance company eyes more investments here

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Japan's largest venture capital fund, Japan Associated Finance Co., is looking to expand its activities here, Hiroshi Ikegaya, a senior investment officer, told the *Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

"We view Israel as one of our target countries," Ikegaya said. "We are currently examining seriously one company and hope to look at another three to five companies this year." The Japanese fund began investing in Israel last year.

This week the fund invested $1 million in Tel Aviv-based Radgurd in addition to a previous $1m. investment at the end of 1997 in another local start up company, ShellCase.

Radgurd, of the RAD Group, is a developer of network security systems. The company holds already cooperative agreements with several Japanese companies including NTT Data, Sumitomo Metal and Toshiba Engineering.

Jerusalem-based ShellCase, which is controlled by another Japanese company Toyo Ink, is a developer and manufacturer of chip size packaging technology for semi-conductor devices.

"We can help the Israeli companies with getting access to Asian countries and assist them in finding potential customers in the region," Ikegaya said. "We have good connections in Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan and other countries."

JAFCO was established in 1973 by some of Japan's largest financial institutions including Nomura Securities Co., Nippon Life Insurance Co., and the Sanwa Bank.

The principal activities of the company are investing in and offering consulting and information services to private companies with high potential for future growth.

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LEADING SHARES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	391	1.3
Africa Israel 0.1	22800	-1.3
Africa Israel 1	210000	-0.7
Agan	12800	0.5
Agis	2520	0.4
Al Paper Mills	12500	-0.6
Al-Rov	2470	2.4
Azorim	5060	2
Azorim Prop.	600	1.7
Bank Leumi 0.1	676	0.4
Baran	2960	0.3
Bayside 1	39800	-1
Bayside 5	196000	0
Bezeq	1025	2.1
Bio Square	4080	-0.5
Bromine	3270	-0.6
Clal Electronics	52800	-1.7
Clal Industries	1950	1.2
Clal Insurance	4610	2.8
Clal Israel 1	106.8	1.6
Dan Hotels	900	0
Dankner	2100	0
Dapben	780	-0.9
Dead Sea Works 0.1	921	0.5
Delek 0.1	14440	2
Delek Car	595	-1.2
Development Mort	23900	1.7
Discount Bank	434	0
Discount Inv.	10100	-3
Elbit 0.003	1195	1.1
Elbit Imaging	2980	-0.7
Elbit system	4810	0.2
Elco	2050	-1
Elco Industries	3750	-0.5
Electra	15110	0.1
Electra App	1600	0
Elite Ind. 1	2190	-3.2
Elite Ind. 5	10950	-1.3
Elron 0.003	5380	0.9
FIBI 5	65600	0.9
First Int'l 1	55000	0
First Int'l 5	253700	-0.8
First Int'l Mort	53000	-1.9
Formula	14290	4
General Bank	10900	-0.3
Granit Hacarmel	700	-2.1
Hadarim Prop.	6300	0
Har-Lel	2340	-3
Hapoalim 0.1	993	0
Harel Mishmar 1	3710	0
Harel Mishmar 5	16920	3.2
I.D.B. Dev.	8210	2.1
I.D.B. Holdings	8550	0.2
ILDC	2040	0
Ind Bldgs	592	0
Israel Chemicals	446	2.5
Israel Corp. 1	23400	0.9
Isrotel	580	-2.3
Jafora	751	-0.8
JCT	29.7	-1
JEC	1900	0
Kitan	388	2.1
Knafaim	3860	3.4
Koor	46800	0.9
Leader	1410	1.3
Leumi Insurance	235	2.1
Leumi Mortgage	65500	-0.9
Liraz	5130	2.3
Makhteshim	3140	1.9
Maman	632	0
Matav	3600	-1.4
Mehadrin	12400	-2
Mei Eden	1527	-4.5
Mellisron	1070	5.4
Menorah Ins. 1	1930	4.7
Milomor	1850	0
Mishkan	60800	0
Mizrahi Inv.	11900	2.5
NATSVA REGULAR	1251	-0.2
Nice Systems	15410	-1.9
Ocif	8050	0
Orbit	1830	-1.8
Ormat Industries	459	0
Osem Industries	1560	0
Petrochemicals	2050	0.5
Phoenix Ins. 1	8200	0
Poalim Inv.	12720	0.2
Prop & Bldg	25600	-0.4
Salt Industries	1820	-2.1
Solel Bone	4230	1.2
Supersol	1168	-0.1
Tadiran	14400	-1.5
Tambour	687	0.9
Tefahot	195000	0
Tempo	1303	-3.6
Teva	15680	-2
Urdan	279	-1.8
Wire and Cables	1438	1.7
Ytong Industries	860	-2.3

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SMALL CAPITALIZATION TASE ISSUES

	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	352	-1.7
Ablec	2.2	0
Abud	52	-1
Ace-Spade	88.5	0
Ackerstein Bond B	161.5	0
Ackerstein Ind.	404	2.2
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1916	0.2
Ackerstein Zvi 5	5570	0
adakom	38.5	0
Adanim	386236	-0.2
Adler	113.5	
Adshel	121.5	0
Adunim	180	2.3
Africa Hotels Bond B	88.7	0
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	42	4.8
Africa Hotels Warrant 3	2.2	10
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	131.5	-1.9
Atsek Ind	832	-1
Agis Warrant 3	420	9.5
Agis Warrant 4	520	0
Agish Int'l	380	0
Agri Investments	269	0
Al-Ben	134.5	0
Al-Ben Bond A	111	-0.9
Alba c2	104.4	0
Alba w6	160	6.2
Alliance	700	-4.3
Aloni	244	1.6
Alony-Hetz	530	0.8
Alony-Hetz Bond A	249	-1.2
Alrod	216	9.9
Alrod Warrant 1	8.7	0
Alrov Bond D	75.9	-0.8
Alrov Warrant 5	385	0
Alumir	200	0
Alunit	4665	0
Amiger	180	0
Amilec	213	8.7
Amnoal Warrant 1	12	-7.7
Amnoal	850	0.5
Ampa Investments	131592	-2
Analyst EMS	1180	-5.5
Angel Trade	36.9	7
Angel Trade Bond A	152	0.7
Angel Trade Bond B	109	0.5
Angel Trade Bond C	82.5	0.8
Angel Trade Warrant 2	1.2	0
Apcon	995	-1.5
Apcon warrant 1	285	-3.2
Applicom	3430	0
Aracell Warrant 2	475	-5.3
Arad	1960	0
Arad Towels	914	0
Arazim	83	0
Arazim Bond 1	235	0
Argaman	242	-0.4
Arkadia	1018	0
Arpal	448	0
Arit	110	4.5
Ashkelon Plywood	650	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	227	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	185	0
Ashkel	418	-3.2
Ashkel Bond A	1180	0
Ashot	313	-0.6
Ashot Bond A	170	0
Ashrom	81	0
Ashtrom Bond 1	167	0.3
Ashtrom Bond 2	152.5	0.7
Ashtrom Ind.	583	10
Ashtrom Prop.	199	3.1
[illegible]	87.5	0
[illegible]	30	0
[illegible]	94.5	0
[illegible]	34	0
Atlion	81.5	10.1
Aurav	2113	0
ATX	157	0
ATX Bond A	149.5	0.3
Azimon	260	-1.1
Aura	5390	-1.7
Avgol	415	4.8
Avgol Bond A	154.2	0
Averbuch Formica	694	0
Aviv	369	0
Aviv Bond 1	148.5	0
Aviv Bond 2	89	0
Awar	1.8	0
Avrot Bond 2	90	0
Avrot Warrant 2	70	-11.4
Ayalon	599	-1.5
Azimuth	552	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	172	0.3
Azorim Warrant 13	463	2.8
Azorim Warrant 5	96.2	0.1
Azorim Warrant A	620	6.5
Azorim Warrant B	630	4.8
Badash Bond 1	42.8	0
Balili	350	0
Balentine 1	289	0
Balentine Bond A	129.5	0
Balentine Warrant 2	7.8	-10.3
Balkon	4435	1.5
Bamberger	97	10.2
Bamberger Bond A	132.5	-0.4
Bar	352	-1.9
Bar Bond A	109	-0.5
Barad	264	0
Baranovitz	517	10
Bariat	840	-0.3
Bargal	98.5	0
Barlal	154	0
Barrad Moshe	183.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	86.3	0
BaySide Warrant D	2290	0
Bet Shemesh	1487	0.2
[illegible]	247	0
[illegible] Bond A	169.5	0
[illegible] Bond B	87	-0.6
[illegible]	4390	0
[illegible] Warrant 2	13.6	-0.7
[illegible]	180	0
[illegible] Bond 3	107	0.2
[illegible] Bond 4	934	6.9
[illegible] Warrant 3	429	5.1
[illegible] Warrant Bond 3	232	8.6
[illegible]	1422	0
[illegible]	179.5	0
[illegible]	580	0
[illegible]	280	-1.9
[illegible] Bond B	75	0
[illegible] warrant 1	42	0
Bonei Tichon	984	0
[illegible]	981	0
Bodaos Brothers	1365	-0.4
Bodaos Brothers Bond 1	284	0.4
Boulous GD Bond A	122	-0.8
Brand	87	0
Brill	84	0
Brok Side	32.5	0
Brosh	715	0
Building Bank	1848	3
Building Recon.	3500	0
C Holdings	584	0
C Holdings Bond 5	98	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	12	12.1
Caesarea 1	5854	0
Castel	3130	3.1
Capital	939	-0.1
Capital Bond A	118.5	0
Caprice	309	0
Cargal	849	0
Carmel	546	-0.2
Carmel	600	1.5
Castro	629	0
Cataline 1	488	0
CDI	385	0
Cement Bond A	75	0
Ceramicat	544	3.2
Ceramco	1475	0.7
Cesim Bond 1	169.5	-1.2
Chem	606	-0.5
Chayale Computers	148.5	0
Chemical	442	0
Chim-Nir	491	0
CI Systems	332	0
Cilalit	181	0
CIS Computer Warrant 2	1.9	0
Clal Computers	15599	2.3
Clal Industries Bond	209	1
Clal Israel 5	485	1
Clal Retail	60573	8
Coblas Bond	189	0.5
Cohen Dev.	250	-2.6
Cohen Mill	276	-1.3
Cold Storage 1	1450	-1.3
Cold Storage 5	7860	8.3
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	243	0
Compl	534	5.1
Compl Warrant 1	20	6
Compufile	168.5	-0.3
Comitech	348	-0.5
Consmax	367	-1.3
Cordal	379	0
Contractors	17305	0
Coral Beach	910	3.5
Credit Line	3.9	0
Credit Lines Bond A	96.3	6.1
Cyclone 1	1794	-3.2
Cyclone Bond 1	257	0
Cyclone Bond 2	149	0
Dalron	1480	0
Dalron Bond 1	342	0.4
Dalia	2	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	740	0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	154	-1
Danbar 1	3980	0
Danbar 5	18380	4.8
Danbar Bond A	284	0
Danbar Resources	6667	0
Danbar Resources Bond B	161	0
Danbar Tech.	6650	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	147	0
Danel	51	-1.9
Danel Bond A	87	0
Danel Personnel	2450	-2
Danel Warrant 2	577	0
Dankner Bond 1	206	6
Dankner Bond 2	140.5	-0.4
Dankner Bond 3	91.2	-0.3
Dankner Warrant C	464	13.4
Dankner Warrant D	1	0
Danly	350	10
Dased	95	0
DARBAN BOND 2	86.2	0
Darban Bond A	226	0
DARBAN W2	144	-3.3
Darban Warrant 3	130	-3.8
Darss	128.5	0
Dation	144.5	-0.3
Dash Investment	871	-3.3
Dass	589	0
Decision Systems	501	0
Degem Systems	591	-3.6
Delek Drillings	7.8	-2.5
Delek Oil	1466	0
Delta 1	3300	-2.4
Delta 3	10880	-0.9
Destiny	1286	0.2
Digal	116	0
Dikon1	1700	0
Dolev	435	2.3
Dolev Bond A	333	0
Dolev warrant 1	86.9	19.9
Domicar	409	-1.4
Domicar Bond	149.5	0.3
Dor Chim	397	0
Dorc w1	145	0
Doron	58	0
Dorl c1	96	0
Dori Engineering	476	9.9
Dori Engineering Bond A	136	0
Dovrat Bond A	133.2	0
Dovrat Shrem	1419	4.8
Dovrat Shrem Warrant 3	58.5	0
DSL	1440	0
Dubek M	2	0
Dubek S	2	0
Duniz	309	0
DYS Industries	449	0
E & M Computing	1121	-1.2
Edgar Albert	92.5	-0.5
Edgar Industries	192	-0.4
Edgar Inv. Bond C	83.8	0
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	25.1	8.4
Efrat Bond A	99	0
Elal	205	0
Elam	307	-1.9
El Bad	1870	2.7
El Canit	575	0
El Canit Bond 1	152.5	-0.7
Elad	511	-1
Elad Bond A	169.5	0
Elad Bond B	139	0
Elad c3	82.5	0
Elad w5	45.4	0
Elbit Computers Bond B	127	3.8
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	758	-5.2
Elden Tech.	160	-4.5
Electronics Line	450	-0.4
Elgar	4889	0
Elisher	339	0
Eltech Ind.	757	-0.8
Elem	287	0
Ella	437	0
Ella Bond A	141	0
Elran	3327	0
Elron Warrant 2	2504	0
Emek	133.5	-0.4
Emyla	594	-3.8
Engel Const.	720	-6.8
ESE	2100	0
Eshed Robotech	217	0
Even	420	1
Evergreen	3400	2.1
Evrola Warrant 1	1023	2
Excelence	2062	0
Export Inv.	889	2.2
Extra	133.5	-2.9
Feldman	153.5	0
Feldman Bond A	148	0
Feldman Ind.	189	0
Feldman Warrant 3	12.8	0
Fertilizers 1	123	0
Feuchtwanger 1	11800	-2.5
Feuchtwanger 5	54500	-0.9
Fidelit	2835	0
Five J Jewelers	258	-0.4
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	128.5	0.4
Formica Source	191	0
Frutarom	318	0
Gahelet	18050	0
Galcom	268	-0.4
Galran	1267	-0.8
Gama	230	10
Gamatronic	571	0
Gazit	1470	0
Gan Shmuel Bond A	112	-1.8
Gan Shmuel Warrant 3	510	-2
Gan Shmuel	1390	-3.5
Ganel Hadar	391	0
Gap Development	100.5	0
Gap Holdings	208	0
Gap Warrant 2	9.8	0
Gazit	732	-2
Gazit Bond B	158.5	0
Gazit Bond C	120	-1.2
Gibor Bond 1	85	0
Gibor Bond A	82.5	0
Gibor Sabrina	62	0
Gibor Sport	800	-0.6
Gibor Warrant 2	124	6.5
Gilboa	115	-3
Gilo	136.5	0
Gittek	1341	1.7
Givot Olam Oil	63	-5.4
Glob Fit	978	-0.2
Golan	584	1.9
Gold	485	3.1
Golden House	357	0
Golden House Bond 1	242	-0.4
Goler	141.5	0
Granit Bond	147.5	0
Granit Bond 2	146.5	-0.5
Green Software	398	0
Greenberg	1020	5
H. Electronics	70	-10.3
H. Mar	916	-1
Habas	2962	0
Habas Bond 1	127.5	0.4
Hadar 1	19124	-5
Hadar 5	58081	0
Hadar Ins. 1	858	3.8
Hadar Ins. 5	4180	3.8
Hadarim Bond1	108.1	0.1
Hadarim Warrant1	951	-3
Hagal	398	0
Hagal Bond B	148.5	0
Hamatzer	339	0
Harel	5.8	-1.5
Harel Bond A	435	8
Hasin Esh	632	0
Hason	189	-9.6
Hatehof 1	211	-0.5
Hatehof Bond A	141.5	0
Hayal	1540	6.5
Hayal Bond1	341	8
Hayal Bond2	201	-19.4
Hayal Warrant 1	83.6	0
Hed Arzi Music	331	-1.2
Hiron 1	10456	0
Hiron 5	42088	0
HL Service Bond 2	177	0
HL Service Bond 3	143.5	0.2
HL Services	2076	0
Hod	146	0.5
Hof	888	0
Holit	132	31.6
Home Center	7510	8
Hydrolics	164.5	0
IES Industries	576	8.5
IES Warrant 1	77	0
Ilan Gat	154.5	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	148	0
ILDC Bond 6	250	0
ILDC Hotels	407	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	185	0
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	89	0
ILDC Insurance	388	1
ILDC Insurance Bond A	129.5	-0.4
Imco	1379	-0.2
Ind Bld Warrant 3	88.4	-0.2
Ind Bldgs R1	29	-5.2
Ind.Dev.Bank C	298	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	2850	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1	2860	0
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1780	0
Independence Mort	94704	-1
Interconn	773	0
Intergamma 1	4693	0
Intergamma 5	17116	0
Isal	1982	0
Isras	3530	0
[illegible]	448	-4.1
Israel Corp. 5	103360	-0.1
Israel [illegible] Bond 3	134.5	0
Israel [illegible] Cables Bond C	174.8	-0.1
Isspro	1350	-3.2
Iturian Bond E	999	0
Iturian Bond D	88.5	0
Isramco	2.2	0
Isras 1	6000	3.5
Isras 5	27000	7.4
Isras Bond A	348	-0.8
ISTA LINES	2029	-1
Itay	2580	0
Itay Bond 1	88.5	3
Itay Warrant 1	995	0
Itay Warrant 2	17	0
Jafora Bond A	180	0
Jaycor	167	0
Jaycor Bond A	104.5	0
JEC Bond B	91.5	-0.1
Jerusalem Mort	190	8.2
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	158	0
Jeunesse	90.2	0
JOEL	190	0
JOEL Bond 1A	226	1.3
JOEL Bond 2	120	0
JOEL Bond A	226	0
JOEL Warrant 3	2.1	-38.1
Kadmani	170	-0.3
Kadouri	304	0
Kahlon bond b	84.5	0
Kahlon warrant 1	78.5	2
Kalal	1167	-0.5
Kalkalit Bond A	92.5	-0.1
Kalkalit warrant 2	308	3.2
Kamor	551	0.9
Kamor Bond G	130	0
Kanot	1035	-0.4
Kapel Warrant G	1.1	0
Kapicol	38.2	0
Kabel Bond A	58.5	5.6
Kardan 1	467	0
Kardan 5	2140	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	64	0
Kedem Chemicals	3790	2.4
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	230	0
Kesher	335	0
Kesher	782	0
Kesher Bond A	147.5	-0.3
Keter	543	0
Kind	13.2	0
Kind Bond A	28.5	0
King	338	-0.3
Kinneret	326	0
Kisch Kiror	182.5	0
Kishori Tools	1027	0
Kital	434	0
Kital Bond A	152	0
Kital Bond A	108.5	-0.9
Kital Warrant 1	9.2	-20
Kill Ind. 5	6950	0.4
Koor Bond 5	181.5	1.1
Kopel	210	-1.9
Kopel Bond 1	235	0
La Nationale Bond A	148	0
La Nationale Pref	102	0
Lachish	4495	-0.5
Lamont	308	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1.4	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	72	0
Lasers	441	1.1
Lavlar	598	-0.2
Leznick Bldg	443	-0.7
Leznick Comm Ctrs	130	0
Leznick Commercial Centers Bon	119.5	0.4
Leznick Ind Bldgs	329	0
Leznick Industrial Bldgs. Bond	133	0
Leader Warrant B	60	-8.2
Lego	435	0
Leumi R4	85.7	0.7
Leventhal	360	8
Levi	618	8.5
Levi Bond A	135	0
Levi Bond B	85	0
Levi Warrant 2	87	-1.8
Levinstein Bond A	88.5	0
Levinstein Warrant 2	501	0
Levinstein	1279	-1
Libar	390	-0.3
Lidan	1500	0
Lilehir 1	161.5	-1.5
Lilehir 5	898	-0.9
Ligad	559	-0.2
Ligad Bond 1	154.5	0
Lighterage 1	556	-1.9
LIMS	230	0
Lipman	3070	3.9
Lipski	2880	6
Lipski Bond A	170	0
Liraz Bond A	177.7	-1.3
Lodan	159	0
Lodzia 1	1482	0.3
Lodzia 4	5808	0
Luhot Galil	32	0
Luhot Galil Bond 1	138	0
Lumir	3505	1.5
Ma'ariv	1910	-1
Ma'ariv Bond A	120.5	-0.8
Mashmot	1093	-0.3
Macpell	1194	-3.3
Macpell Bond A	831	-8.5
Macpell Bond B	119.9	-0.1
Macpell Bond C	78.1	0.8
Macpell Warrant 3	141.7	-2.3
Madi	788	-1
Magam	175	0
Magam Bond A	169.5	0
Magam Bond B	124.5	0
Magav	251	0
Magma	47	0
Magma Warrant 1	8	0
Magor 1	2000	0
Magor 5	9700	0
Magor Hldgs. Bond B	81.5	0
Magor Hldgs. Warrant 2	640	0
Magor Hldgs. Warrant A	22	1.4
Malal	379	0
Mali	72.5	-1.4
Malibu 1	775	-0.8
Malibu 5	3980	1
Malibu Bond B	168.9	0
Malta	719	0
Man	111	-3.1
Man Bond A	226	-0.4
Mantor	42.9	0
Marathon	108	0
Marathon insured	112.4	-0.7
Mario Leznick Const. Bond 1	168.5	0.3
Mario Leznick Const. Bond 2	142	-1
Maritime Bank	1750	-1.7
Maritime Bank Bond A	197	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	137.5	0
Mashav	766	-1.3
Mashbir	812	-0.2
Mashov	571	0.7
Mashov	145.5	1.7
Mashov Marketing Warrant 1	6	0
Matam	1364	0
Matav Warrant 1	396	-6.6
Maxima 1	340	0
Maxima 5	1477	-0.3
Mazpak	610	-0.5
Med. Hotels	84	-2.3
Medtechnica	806	-0.2
Medtechnica Bond A	128	0
Medtechnica Bond B	78.5	-0.6
Medtechnica Warrant 2	190	-2.6
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	83.5	-8.7
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	404	0
Meir Ezra	2340	-1.7
Meir Ezra Bond B	239	0.4
Metal	364	0
Mellisron Bond B	88.3	0
Mellisron Warrant 3	45	2.2
Mendelson	252	0
Menolim	58.5	-0.8
Menorah Ins. 5	8300	-1.2
Mercazit	664	0
Mercazit Warrant 2	60.5	-9.7
Merhav	184	6.7
Meytarit	450	0
Middle East Tube	398	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	108	0
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	26.9	0
Milmor Bond A	151	0
Milomor Bond B	74	-0.7
Milomor Warrant 2	215	0
Mimsar	123.5	0
Mini Line	569	0
Mivar	11810	-1.6
Mirage	198.5	-2.2
Mirage	139	-0.4
Mirage Bond A	28	0
Mirage Warrant 1	60	0
Miromit	19	0
Mishmael	58	0
Mishmael Bond B	148	0
Mishor Bond 2	400	1.3
Mishor Hahof	118.5	0
Mitrani	3030	0
Mivtach Shamir	1440	0
Mivtach Shamir	141	6
MM Engineering	103	-1
MM Engineering Bond A	715	0
Modgal	1.8	-5.3
Modiin	216	0
Moffet	318	0
Moffet Convertible Bond AAA	598	0
Molett	337	0
More Plastic Ind.	189	-0.3
Moshkovitz	470	0
MTI Computers	889	0.1
Mul-T-Lock	223	0
Mula Sasser	49.1	0
Nachshon Fund	41.6	2.5
Naphtha	23.4	0
Naphtha Oil Exp.	848	-2
Natour	87.9	0
NATSVA BOND A	350	9
Navigator	572	2
Navigator Property	88.5	0
Nechushtan Bond B	183	-1.6
Nechushtan Prop.	122.5	-0.4
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	24.4	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	183.5	-2.1
Negev Ceramics	954	1.5
Nehushtan 1	4750	2.3
Nehushtan 5	7300	0
Neot Aviv	558	0
Nesua	31	0
Neve Arzei	404	0
Nevilim Hotels	898	5.5
Newlot	310	-0.6
Nia	1550	0
Nikuv	2107	-1.3
Nicco	221	-0.9
Nissan	324	0
NMC	1421	0
Noga	102	0
Noga Insurans	12.2	0
Nordan	463	0
Nordan Tech.	630	-5
Norfolk	144	0.3
Norfolk Bond A	83	0
Nur	892	0
NYP	316	0
Ocean	175.2	0.1
Ocif Bond A	174.5	0
Ocif Bond B	85	-0.4
Ocif Bond C	950	-5.2
Ocif Warrant 2	751	0
Olek	161.5	-0.8
Olar Bio	1541	0
Olis	821	-10
Optibit	61	0
Otzar	801	0
Oil Fields	1.2	-7.7
Ole-Dok	218	0
Oram	282	0
Ormtech	288	0
Optic	426	-2.1
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	110	0
Oneys	3699	0
Orsal	272	0
Orsal Bond A	158.5	0
Orda	5753	0
Orda Bond 1	172	0
Oren	548	0
Orell	144.5	0
Orlite	420	-4.6
Orlite Bond A	90	0
Orlite Warrant 2	87.5	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	126	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	118	0
Ortal	323	0.6
Otzar Hashilton	20200	0
Oz	241	0
Oz side	330	0
Packer Steel	6059	-1.2
Pallough	486	-0.4
Paran	673	2
Partner	2550	0
Pan Dor	300	0
Partex	768	0
Pardes Bond A	82.5	0
Passport	2556	2.7
Paz Chen	372	0
PCB	1530	-1.5
Pdam Investment	60	2.8
Peng	108.5	0
Pericom	1074	-0.6
Phoenix Ins. 5	20800	0
Pica Plast	428	-0.9
Pimco	142	5.6
Pimco Bond A	137.5	0
Pital	303	-10.1
Plasson bond a	94.5	0.5
Plasson warrant 1	330	0
Plasson	3850	2.7
Plasto Sac	820	0
Plasto Shack Bond A	86	0
Plasto Shack Warrant 2	120	12.5
Plasto Shack Warrant 3	1	0
Poalim Inv. Bond B	89.5	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2380	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	131	0
Poalim Warrant 3	461	0.7
Point of Sale	6270	-2.7
Polak	352	9
Polgat A	280	0
Polgat B 4	814	-3.1
Polgat Bond B	172.5	0
Polygon	309	0
Polygon Bond 2	213	0.5
Ponaz	268	-2.6
Ponaz Warrant 1	74	-23.7
Port	179	0
Poseidon	99.4	4.4
Pri Hamek	18.5	-5.1
Pri Hamek Bond A	40.1	6.1
Pritzker	252	6
Pritzker Bond A	140	0.4
Profit	289	0.3
Profit Bond A	119.5	0
Python	315	0
Quality Cap Mills	539	-3.2
Rabinter	185	0
Ram Zur	79	0
Ramgor 1	275	0
Ramgor 4	728	0
Rapak	2960	0.3
Rapak Bond A	152	0
Rasco	871	1
Ratio	1.2	0
Rav Car	86.5	-0.5
Raved	174	0
RDC	1115	-1.2
RDC Bond A	137	0
Red Sea Hotels	743	1.1
Regency	79	-1.2
Regency Bond 1	120.5	0
Regent	388	0
Regent Bond A	142	1.4
Rekah	380	1.3
Reshef	34.9	10.1
Reshef Bond B	54	-0.9
Renoni	618	0
Rogosin	1400	-1.8
Rogosin Bond A	77.5	-0.8
Rogosin Warrant B	570	0
Rontech	427	1.9
Rosebud	142	2.3
Rosental	125	0.4
Rotem	330	-2.7
Rotobiom	162	-0.6
Rotstein Bond A	135.5	0
RSL	836	-2.9
Sadot Mop Bond A	99.5	-0.5
Sahar Bond a	90.5	0
Sahar Dev.	1936	-0.3
Sahar Securities	844	0
Sahar Warrant 1	198	-2
Santecol	219	0
Sano 1	1800	-2.8
Sano 5	8580	0
Scope	1217	-1.2
Scope Bond A	89.5	0
Scope Warrant 2	210	0
Sea Trade	524	0
Secom	254	0
Securities	728	2
Securities Bond A	169.5	-2.3
Salem	1200	0
Sarel	404	0
Shaked	366	-0.8
Shamir	238	0
Shal	366	0
Shekel	119	0
Shekel Bond A	138	-1.1
Shelam	82	0.2
Shelam Barlam Bond 4	150.2	0.1
Shelam Bond 1	140	-1.9
Shelam Warrant 1	1.8	-10
Shaleg	110	-4.8
Shem Tov	266	-1
Shemen	13010	-3.8
Shemen Bond A	157.5	0
Shiadot	77	0
Shlomo Angel	5445	0
Shmi c2	88.5	0
Shmi w2	228	-1.3
Shmita	866	0
Shmita Bond A	148	0
Shniv	540	0
Shang	145	0.3
Shulamit	220	-0.5
Shulamit Bond A	138.5	0
Sinai	487	2.4
Sinai Bond A	136.5	8
Solel Bone Bond A	108.3	2.4
Solt BoneR1	425	-2.4
Solog	479	-10
Solomon	426	0
solomon bond a	73	0
Solomon Holdings	512	1
solomon warrant 2	83	0
South Pipe	442	0
Spancrit	266	0
Spectronix 1	1248	0
STG	978	0
STG Bond A	110	0
Sunlast	4162	0
Suny Electronics	527	0
Synopsis	133.5	-0.4
Synopsis Bond A	144	0.3
Systec	455	-3.1
Ta'al	247	-2
Tachol Bond B	72	0
Tachol Warrant 3	45	0
Tadbik	307	0
Tadiran Appl	371	0
Talam	1420	0
Tal	88.5	9.9
Tal Bond A	72.5	0
TAP Bond 1	272	0
Tashloz bond a	77	0
Tashloz warrant 2	87.5	0
Tashloz	815	0
Tashloz Bond A	157.5	-0.6
Tashloz Bond B	120	0
Tashloz Prop.	562	0
Tashloz Warrant 2	11.2	0
Taste of Israel	200	0
TAT 1	520	3.8
TAT 5	1808	5.4
TAT Bond A	235	0
Taya	812	-1
Taya Comm. 1	310	-2.2
Team Computers	6850	-2.3
Technoplast	523	0
Technoplast Warrant 2	883	-1.5
Tedea	2020	0
Tedea Bond A	102	0
Tedea Warrant 1	388	10.8
Tefahot Preferred	180300	0
Telran	2590	6
Teldor	528	-2
Telsis	1440	-1.4
Telsis Warrant 1	349	29.2
Tene	297	-0.3
Tauza	234	-2.6
Tauza insured	237	0.8
Tibon Veel	178.5	0
Tim Warrant 3	900	0
Tiv	439	0
TMM	79	-1.2
Tobias	1877	0
Tom	1123	-2
Topline	416	0
Topline Bond 2	154.5	0.3
Topper	36.3	0
Topper Bond 1	83.5	0
Topper Warrant 2	1	0
Total Compounds	334	0
Trade	375	0
Trade Bond A	191.5	0
Trend Line	1436	0
Trocadero	65	4
Trydiel	494	0
Tsabar	185.5	-4.9
Tsarfati	543	0
Tsarfati Bond A	143	-0.3
Tsur	190	0
Tsur Bond A	251	0
Tsur Bond B	111	-0.9
Tsur Bond C	84	0
Tsur Preferred	182	0
Tuttenauer	1290	10
Tzmicha	893	0
Tzmicha Bond A	177	-0.8
Ultckl	69	0
Unibar 1	919	0
Unibar 5	964	0
Unico	3702	0
Unicorn 1	62.5	-3.1
Unicorn Bond 1	218	0
Unidress	960	0
United Steel	185.8	-2.2
United Steel Industries Bond 1	180	0
Universal	405	0
Urdan Warrant 5	177	0
Uropa Israel	3186	0.5
Vardinon	34500	-2.9
Vardinon Bond A	158.5	0
Vardinon Convertible Bond AAA	141	0
Videomatrix	41.2	0
Vilar	400	0
Vilar Bond 1	144.5	0
Vill Food	1478	3.2
Villager Bond A	124	-1.2
Vitalgo	360	0
Vitalgo Bond A	116	-1.3
Vulcan	404	0
Vulcan Bond 1	227	0
Wilk Bond A	88.3	0
Wilk Warrant 1	364	9.3
Woolman 1	889	5
Woolman 5	2864	5.5
Woolfson	61325	-0.3
Ya'ara	682	-2.4
Yaacob	165	0
Yaad Bond A	185	0.3
Yaad Bond B	86	0
Yaad Industries	322	0
Yaad Warrant 3	59	0
Yad	458	0
Yaruit	221	7.8
Yarden	531	5
Yarden Bond 2	121.5	-0.4
YDPZ	256	0
YDPZ Bond A	144	0
Yeda	1393	0
Yehuda	233	2.2
Yesh Gad	98.7	0
YLR	922	0
Yona Bond A	143.5	-0.3
Yona Hotels	182.5	3.3
Yozma	457	0
Yuval	119.5	0
Zeler	585	0
Zanas Holdings	54.5	0
Zarfati Bond B	87	0
Zarfati Warrant 2	51.5	0
Zer	119.5	5
Zetnon	243	-0.4
Zeler Ablagor	582	1.3
Zeller Ablagon Bond A	146	0
Zeller Ablagon Bond B	125.5	0
Zeller Inv. Bond A	63	3
Zeller Inv. Warrant 1	10.1	5.2
Zika 1	597	0
Zika 5	2832	0
Zion 1	5472	0
Zion 5	24601	0
Zimmotal	736	0
Zion Cables 1	268	3
Zion Holdings	8282	13
Zion Textiles	113.5	-0.5
Ziv	361	7.1
Zohar	347	3
Zoko	256	2.8

*In local currencies

ISRAELI SHARES ABROAD

AMEX

	LAST	CHANGE*
Am Israel Paper Mills	33.6875	-0.0625
Ampal American Israel	-	-
Electro Chemical Ind	5.875	0
Etz Lavud	5.5	+0
Etz Lavud C A	7.125	+0.125
Integrated Technology	1.375	0
Carmel Containers Sys	5.875	0

NASDAQ

	LAST	CHANGE*
ACS Electronics Ltd	4	-0.0625
Accent Software	0.5	+0.03125
A.G. Associates	3.25	-0.125
Aladdin	2.125	-0.1875
Ampal	15.3625	-0.0625
Arel	3.5	-0.3125
Arely Advertising Ltd	2.03125	-0.15625
Better Online Solutions	5.375	+0
Bio Technology General	8	+0.5
B.V.R. Technologies	12.625	-0.25
Checkpoint Software	31.375	-1
Cimatron	3.25	-0.125
Comverse Technology	45.75	+2
Crystal Systems Solutions	18.875	+0.375
D.S.P.G. Group	20.4375	+1.1875
D.S.P.T. Tech	9.375	+0.25
Data Systems Software	5.8125	+0.3125
ECI Telecom	29.0625	+0.5625
Edusoft	5	-0.375
Electric Fuel	2.75	+0.1875
Electronics for Imaging	20.6875	+0.5
Elbit Computers	3.125	+0
Elron Electronics	17.25	+0.5
Elbit Medical Imaging	8	-0.0625
Elbit Systems Ltd	12.8125	+0.0625
Elisk Circuit Boards	1.71875	0
Engel General Developers	5.5	0
ESC Medical Systems Ltd	32.875	+0.6875
Elbit Vision Systems	4.0625	+0.3125
Eshed Robotec (1982)	0.5	0
Formula Systems (1985)	38.125	+1.375
Forsoft Ltd	17.5	+1
Fundtech	21.4375	+0.9375
Galileo	31	+1.25
G.Willi-Food	4.875	+0
Gilat Comm Ltd	9.625	-0.25
Gilat Satellite Networks	36.5	+0.25
Genesis Bros	8.125	-0.625
Geotek	0.625	-0.03125
Healthcare Technologies	1.5875	+0
Home Center	18.6875	-2.8125
I.C.T.S.	7.125	+0.125
I.I.S. Intelligent info	0.90625	-0.0625
Israel Land Develop - ADR	18.75	0
Indigo	8.25	+0
ISG Intl Software Group	9.875	+0.25
Isramco	0.53125	+0
Lan Optics	3.5	+0.125
Logal	1	-0.3125
Level 8 Systems	12	-0.375
M-Systems Flash Disk	6.5	+0.0625
Madge	6.5625	-0.1875
Magal Security Systems	9.0625	-0.0625
Matav	18.875	-0.25
Medis El	8.75	+0.3125
Mercco	27.25	+0
Mer Telemanagement	2.625	-0.125
Mercury	39.25	-0.625
Magic Software Enterprises	4.875	+0
Netmanage	3.6875	-0.1875
New Dimension Software	26	+4.75
Nice Systems	42.75	+1.875
Neuro-Medical Systems	2.09375	-0.125
Noga Electro Mechanical	2.75	+0.46875
Nur Technology	3.4375	+0.1875
Opti Systems Solutions	8.28125	+0.53125
Orbotech	35.25	+1.375
Orckit	20.75	+0.5
Oshap Technologies	8.5	+0.4375
Pharmos	2.625	-0.03125
Rada Electronics Ind	2.375	+0.0625
Radcom Ltd	5.75	-0.25
RIT Technologies	12.5	+0
RSL Communications	25.75	+0.75
Scitex Corporations	12.625	+0.1875
Silicom	2.625	+0.25
Summit Design	15.875	+0.25
Sapiens International	8.9375	+0.125
Scanvec	2.25	0
Tadiran Telecomm	16.625	+0.25
Taro Pharmaceuticals Ind	5.875	+0
Tat Technologies	0.84375	0
Technomatix Technologies	25.25	+0.875
Teva	41.5	-0.5
Top Image Systems	2.375	+0
Teledata Communications	15.875	+0.125
Tower Semiconductor	9.1875	+0.125
TTI Team Telecom Intl Ltd	7.25	+0
TVG Technologies	0.875	-0.125
Vocaltec	18.75	+0.625
Wiz Tec Solutions	12	-0.375
Zag Industries Ltd	13.625	-0.125
Zoran Corporation	13.1875	-0.1875

NYSE

	LAST	CHANGE*
Blue Square	15.625	+0.625
D.S.P. Communications	15.5625	+0.125
Elscint	7.0625	+0.0625
First Israel Fund	13.375	-0.4375
PEC Israel Economic Corp	23.375	+0.25
Koor	25.125	+0.125
Simula Inc	16.4375	+0.5625
Super-Sol Ltd	16.125	+0.4375
Tadiran	38.625	+0
Tefron Ltd	28.75	+0

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LONDON

	LAST	CHANGE*
Batm Advanced	145.5	+0
Dmatek Ltd	18	+0
Geo Interactive Media	149.5	+0
Pilat	55.5	+0
S.E.A. Multimedia	4.5	+0

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INTERNATIONAL SHARES

NEW YORK

	LAST	CHANGE*
Alza	49.3125	+1.3125
AMP Inc	39.25	-0.25
AMR Corp	147.188	+0.4375
ASA	25.5	+0.5625
Abbott Labs	70.1875	-1.1875
Advanced Micro	27.4375	-0.75
Aetna Life	77.625	-0.4375
Affiliated Publ	21.5	0
Aflac	60.9375	+1.625
Ahmanson (HF)	74	-1.125
Air Prods	87.1875	-0.875
Alberto-Culv B	26.6875	-0.25
Albertson's	47.375	+0.5625
Alcan Aluminum	31.875	-0.3125
Allied Signal	42.75	-0.4375
Alcoa	76.25	-0.875
Amax	48.875	-0.5
Amerada Hess	56.875	+0.1875
Amer Brands	23	-0.0625
Amer El Power	46.4375	+0
Amer Express	101.125	-0.5
Amer Genl Corp	68.0625	+0.75
Amer Greeting	48	-0.4375
Amer Home Pr	88.7813	+0.78125
Amer Int'l	127.5	-1.6875
Amer Natl Ins	108	+1.5
Amer Power Conv	31.6875	-0.125
Amer Stores	24.0625	+0.5625
Amer T & T	59.5625	-0.9375
Amer West Hldg	29.375	+0.5
Ameritech	42	-0.625
Ametek Inc	29.25	+0.375
Amgen	56.8125	+0
Amoco	85.875	+0
Analog Devices	37.5	+0.625
Andrew Corp	21.75	-0.375
Anheuser-Busch	45.9375	-0.375
Aon Corp	63.0625	-0.8125
Apple Computer	26.9375	-0.8125
Applied Magnetics	10.375	-0.1875
Applied Materials	36.75	-0.125
Archer Daniels	21.625	+0.375
Armco	6.25	+0
Armstrong World	82.5	-0.5625
Asarco	24.75	-0.25
Ascend	42	+1.625
Ashland Coal	25.375	-0.1875
Ashland Oil	51.5625	-0.9375
Atlantic Energy	20.8125	+0.5625
Atlantic Richfld	77.75	-0.4375
Auto Data Pro	64	-1.1875
Autodesk	45.125	+1.25
Avery Dennison	52.25	-0.25
Avnet Inc	60.1875	-0.375
Avon Products	80.5	-0.8125
Bairnco Corp	10.3125	-0.125
Baker Hughes	41.0625	+0.25
Ball Corp	38.875	+0.0625
Baltimore Gas	30.875	+0.1875
Banc One Corp	57.5	+0.625
Bandag	55.0625	-0.25
BankAmerica	81.375	+0.75
Bank of Boston	106	+1.5
Bank of New Yk	57.375	-1.5
Bankers Trst NY	128.75	+1.1875
Barnes & Noble	34.3125	+0.9375
Battle Mount Gd	7	+0.1875
Bausch & Lomb	49.625	+0.0625
Baxter Intl	53.5625	+0.6875
Bay Network	23.875	+1.1875
Becton Dickinson	69.125	-1.5625
Bed Bath & Beynd	50.125	+2.3125
Bell Atlantic	91.5625	-0.1875
Bell Industries	13.6875	+0
BellSouth	63.75	-0.0625
HA Belo Corp	52.1875	+0.8125
Beneficial Corp	123.75	-1.4375
Bethlehem Steel	15.0625	-0.5625
Beverly Enters	14.5625	-0.0625
Bemis	27.875	+0.625
Black & Decker	50.1875	+1.1875
Boeing	49.6875	-0.5625
Boise Cascade	36.9375	-0.375
Bowater Inc	56.4375	+0.0625
Briggs & Strtn	44.1875	-0.125
Brist Myrs Sqb	103.063	+3.875
Brit Airws ADR	102	+1.8125
Brit Steel ADR	26.75	-0.375
Brit Telecom	107.938	+1.875
Brown Group	15.8125	+0.375
Brown & Sharpe	13.625	+1.125
Browning Ferris	31.5	-0.25
Brunswick	30.8125	-0.125
Burlington Nthn	98.5	+0.125
Burlington Res	45.6875	-0.125
CBS Inc	34.125	+0.0625
CKS Group	21	+0
CMS Energy Corp	43.375	-0.0625
CSX Corporation	52.5	-0.6875
Cabot Corp	36.25	+0.0625
Campbell Soup	49	+0.5
Canadian Pac	29.3125	-0.125
Capital Cts ABC	107.438	-0.125
Capstead	19.3125	-0.25
Ceramatrix Corp	26.75	-0.1875
Carnival Corp	68.1875	+2.3125
Carolina Pwr Lt	42.5	+0.375
Carpenter Tech	56.9375	-0.5625
Caterpillar	55.375	+0
Centex Corp	34.375	-1.3125
Central & SW	25.625	+0
Ceridian	55.125	+0.125
Champion Intl	53.0625	+0.75
Chmg Shoppes	4.4375	+0
Chase Manhattan	133.625	+1
Chevron Corp	82.3125	-1.0625
Chiquita Brands	14.1875	+0.375
Chrysler	39.5625	-0.4375
Chubb Corp	77.75	+0.1875
Cisco	70.875	+0.4375
Cincorp	148.5	-0.5
Cleveland Cliffs	53.1875	-0.4375
Clorox	79.75	-1
Coastal Corp	68	-0.5625
Coca Cola	72.4375	+0.0625
Coca Cola Ent	37.75	+0
Colgate Palmolv	86.8125	-0.1875
Comcast Corp A	34.9375	+1.125
Compaq	27.6875	-0.375
Compute Ass Intl	57.75	+0
Computer Sci	51.375	+0.25
Conagra	28.25	-0.0625
Cons Edison	43.6875	+0.25
Cons Freightways	36.875	-0.125
Cons Nat Gas	56.5	-0.125
Cooper Inds	63.3125	+0.0625
Coors (Adolph)	35	+0.75
Corning Inc	39	+0
Crane	52	+0
Crompton Knowles	29.5	+0.5
Crown Cork Seal	51.9375	-0.25
Cummins Engine	52.125	+0.125
Curtiss-Wright	39.5625	+0.6875
Cypress Semicon	9.875	-0.125
Cyprus Mineral	16.8125	+0.375
Cytec Indust	54.75	+0.1875
DQE	38.0625	+0
Dallas Semi	37	+0.5625
Dana Corp	57.9375	-0.1875
Data General	14.5	-1.125
Dayton Hudson	81.9375	-0.375
De Beers	23.625	-0.0625
Deere	58.5	-0.3125
Dell Computers	78.0625	+1.75
Delta Air Lnes	113.063	+0.125
Deluxe Corp	31.875	-0.1875
Detroit Edison	37.9375	-0.0625
Dial Corp Del	24.1875	+0.125
Diebold Inc	39.875	-1.3125
Digital Equip	54.875	-0.5625
Dillard Dep St	35.875	-0.125
Disney (Walt)	123.5	+2.5625
Dominion Res	39.125	+0.25
Donelley (RR)	42.9375	-0.375
Dover Corp	39.3125	+0.8125
Dow Chemicals	94.4375	-1.1875
Dow Jones	48	+0.25
Dresser	43.9375	+0.0625
DSC Comm	17.375	-0.4375
Duke Power	56.625	+0.25
Dun & Bradst	34.125	+0.25
Du Pont	72	-0.8125
E G & G Corp	30.25	+0.25
Eastern Ents	41.75	+0.625
Eastman Kodak	70	-1.125
Eaton Corp	90.5625	+1
Echlin Inc	47.75	-0.1875
Emerson Elec	61.5	-1.75
Engelhard Corp	19.4375	+0.4375
Enron Corp	48.75	+1
Entergy Corp	25.5	-1.0625
Enzo Biochem	14.5625	-0.1875
Equifax Inc	37.125	-0.25
Ericsson	52.3125	+0.1875
Ethyl Corp	7.75	-0.0625
Exide Corp	19.8125	+0.3125
Exxon	73.375	-0.9375
FMC Corp	76.3125	-0.0625
FPL Group	60.9375	+0.375
Fedders Corp	5.3125	+0.0625
Federal Express	67.25	-0.9375
Federal Mogul	64.625	+0.5625
Fed Nat Mtge	56.3125	-0.0625
First Chicago	90.25	+1.25
First Union	60.4375	-0.3125
Fruit of the Loom	37.25	-0.0625
Fst Union Rlty	10.1875	-0.0625
Fleet Finl Grp	86.875	+0.375
Fleetwd Enterp	44.375	-0.125
Fleming Cos Ok	18.0625	-0.3125
Florida Prog	39.9375	+0.25
Fluor Corp	44.625	+0.3125
Food Lion Inc	10	-0.125
Ford Motor	44.8125	-0.0625
Fortune Brands	38	+1.0625
Foster Wheeler	27.4375	+0
Galoob Toys	10.5	+0
Gateway 2000	1.78125	+0.125
GATX Corp	60.125	+0.9375
GTE Corp	57.75	+0.0625
Gannett	68	-0.25
Gap Inc Del	46.25	+0.875
Gencorp	29.875	+1
Gen Am Invest	29.375	-0.25
Gen Dynamics	41	+0.0625
Gen Electric	81.1875	-1.25
Gen Mills	66.75	-0.75
Gen Motors	67.625	-0.3125
Gen Motors H	53.5	+0.625
Gen Public Util	39.9375	+0
Gen Reinsurnce	219.563	-0.0625
Gen Signal	43	+0
Gen DataComm	5.125	+0.0625
Genuine Parts	35.875	+0.0625
Georgia Pac	75.5	+3.1875
Germany Fund	17.25	+0.5
Gillette	114	-1
Glaxo ADR	53.1875	+1.8125
Golden W Finl	106.5	+1
Goodrich (BF)	51.5	+0.5
Goodyear Tire	68.5	+0.875
Grace (W&R)	19.6875	+0.3125
Grainger (WW)	103.375	-1.375
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29.8125	-0.5
Grt Central Mine	4.25	-0.1875
Gulf Canada Res	5.375	-0.1875
Halliburton	52.375	+0.0625
Hanna (MA)	23.0625	-0.0625
Harcourt	50.875	-0.25
Harley Davidson	35	+1.75
Harnischfeger	27.8125	-0.6875
Harrah's Ent	25.75	+0.75
Harris Corp	48.875	-0.8125
Harsco Corp	44.875	-0.0625
Hartmarx	8.0625	+0.0625
Hasbro	37	+0
Health Care Ppt	34.1875	+0.125
Hecla Mining	8.5	+0
Heinz (HJ)	53.0625	+0.5625
Helix Technol	19.1875	-0.125
Hmrch & Payne	30.5	+0.375
Hercules	48.8125	+0.0625
Hershey Foods	70.0625	+0.0625
Hewlet Packard	72.3125	-0.9375
Hilton Hotels	32.375	+0.25
Hirsch Int	8.9375	+0.5
Hollinger	14.875	-0.0625
Home Depot	68.75	+0
Homestake	12	+0.4375
Honeywell	90.1875	-1.375
Hormel (Geo)	32.125	-0.5
Household Intl	126	-1.5625
Houston Inds	28.3125	+0.375
Humana	28	+1
IBM	118	+0.6875
Illinova Corp	29	+0.9375
Illinois Tool	67.6875	-0.1875
INCO	17.4375	-0.3125
Ingersoll Rand	48.875	-0.4375
Inland Steel	27.5625	-0.125
Intel Corp	79.3125	-0.6875
Intergraph	8.53125	+0.65625
Interlake	4.6875	-0.0625
Intl Flav & Fr	48	+0
Intl Multifoods	28.5	+0.75
Intl Paper	52	+0.6875
Interpublic	60.375	+1.1875
Jefferson Plt	57.625	-0.75
Johnson & J	69	-0.375
K Mart	17.1875	+0.25
Kaiser Alum	10.5	+0.125
Kellogg	40.5625	+0.625
KLA Instruments	41.125	-0.3125
Kennametal	51.4375	+0.6875
Kerr-McGee	65.1875	-0.5625
KeyCorp	38.875	+0.125
Kimberly-Clark	48.4375	-0.4375
King World Prod	26.75	-0.75
Knight Ridder	56.875	+0.625
Kroger	40.8125	-1.125
LSI Logic	25.5625	-0.0625
Leggett & Platt	51.625	+0.3125
Laucadia Natl	37.25	+0.25
Lilly (Eli)	66.875	+1.25
Limited Inc	31	+1.75
Linear Technol	78.3125	+1.4375
Lincoln Natl	86.625	-1.375
Litton	60.625	-0.0625
Liz Claiborne	47.875	-0.125
Lockheed Corp	111	+0
Loews Corp	98.375	-0.8125
Lone Star	79.875	+0.875
Long Island Lt	29.5	+0.5625
Longs Drug Strs	28	-0.375
Loral Corp	30.9375	+0.4375
Louisiana Pacif	21.1875	+0.5625
Lowe's Co Inc	65.125	-0.8125
Lucent Tech	72.5	+0.625
Lubrizol	38.5625	-0.3125
Madge	6.5625	-0.1875
MCI Common	49.5938	-0.40625
Mallinckrodt	32.5	-0.5
Manor Care	33.875	+0.1875
Mapco Inc	-	
Marriott	34.375	+1
Mash & McLn	87.8125	+0.3125
Marvel	-	-
Masco Corp	55.0625	+0.75
Massmutual Corp	24.875	-0.25
Mattel Inc	38.5	-0.125
May Dept St	51.4375	-0.625
Maytag Corp	50.4375	+0.5625
McDermott	39.375	+0.4375
McDonalds	58.125	-0.625
McGraw Hill	75.25	-0.5
McKesson Corp	84	+1.625
Mead Corp	34	+0.25
Medtronic	49.75	-0.3125
Mellon Bk	73	+2.0625
Mentor Graphics	10.0625	+0.28125
Mercantile Strs	69.125	+1.1875
Merck Inc	115.5	+2.6875
Meredith Corp	40.1875	+0.375
Merrill Lynch	85.5	+0.875
Micron Technol	30.25	+0.4375
Microsoft Corp	89.875	-0.4375
Millipore	34	+0.4375
Mine Safety App	71.0313	+0.15625
Minnesota Mine	92.5	+2.3125
Mitchell Energy	24.9375	-0.0625
Mobil Corp	79.125	-0.5
Mobile Telecom	24.5	+0.1875
Molex Inc	26.75	-0.75
Monarch Macht	8.125	+0
Monsanto	52	-1.5625
Morgan (JP)	132.5	+0.75
Morton Intl	31.8125	+0.0625
Motorola Inc	55.875	-0.3125
Murphy Oil	50.875	-0.125
Nacco Inds	172.438	+6.5625
Nalco Chemical	38.8125	-0.1875
Nashua Corp	15.375	0
NationsBank	73.5	+0.875
Natl City Corp	69.875	+0
Natl Semi	22.125	+0.1875
Natl Serv Ind	52.3125	-0.375
NatWest Bank	113.5	+2.5
Navistar Intl	28.25	+0.5625
Netscape	25.0625	+0.3125
New England El	42.6875	+0.75
News Corp	26.5	+0.25
NY State El Gas	40.125	+0.5625
NY Times	69.6875	+0.8125
Newmont Mining	32	+0.3125
Niag Mohawk	11.75	+0.5625
Nicor Inc	39.8125	+0.375
Nike Inc	48.4375	+1.375
NL Industries	21	+0.875
Noble Affil	42.8125	-0.25
Nokia	64.4375	-1.3125
Nordstrom	63.625	-1
Norfolk Southrn	32.75	-0.4375
Northeast Util	13.9375	-0.0625
Novell	9.46875	+0.03125
Ntrn State Pwr	55.1875	+0.125
Northrop	108.625	+1.3125
Norwest Corp	37.6875	-0.5
NSI	2.09375	-0.125
Occidental Pet	28.9375	+0.3125
Ogden Corp	29.5	+0
OEA	19	+0.3125
Ohio Casualty	47.625	-1.125
Olin Corp	45.625	-0.375
Omnicom Group	45.5	-0.3125
Oneok Inc	38.5625	-0.125
Oracle Systems	26.25	-0.0625
Oryx Energy Co	24.875	-0.0625
Oshkosh B'gosh	38.25	-0.75
Overseas Ship	21.9375	+0.9375
Owens Corning	38.625	-0.375
PNC Financial	57.875	-1.3125
PPG Industries	70.625	+0.4375
Paccar Inc	53.5	+1.75
Pacificorp	22.375	+0.3125
Pac Enterprises	38.0625	+0.3125
Pac Gas & Elect	31.8125	-0.25
Pall Corp	19.5625	-0.25
Parker Drilling	10.125	+0.125
Parker Hannifin	42.875	-0.625
Payless Shoe	71.375	+1.5
Penney (JC)	69.3125	+0.8125
Pennsyl Pwr Lt	22.3125	+0.1875
Pennzoil	63.625	-0.5
People's Energy	35.5	-0.125
Pepsico	39.625	-3.4375
Perkin Elmer	67.5	-0.8125
Pfizer	113.125	-0.3125
Pharmacia & Upj	39.8125	-0.125
Phelps Dodge	66.1875	-0.375
Philadel Elec	22.375	+0.0625
Philip Morris	37.5	-0.1875
Phillips Elec	86.25	-0.875
Phillips Pet	47.8125	-0.9375
Phycor Inc	21.1875	-1.0625
Pioneer Hi Bred	36.3125	-0.3125
Pitney Bowes	47.4375	+1
Policy Mgt Sys	76.125	+1.875
Polycom	14.75	-0.375
Potash Corp	87.3125	+0.0625
Potomac El Pwr	23.25	+0.0625
Procter & Gamble	80.75	-2.6875
Promus Hotel Cor	45.9375	+0.0625
Pub Svc Enterpr	33.4375	+0.25
Pug Snd Pwr	25.6875	-0.1875
Quaker Oats	51	-1.0625
Qualcom	53.875	-0.8125
Quanex Corp	28.625	-1
RJR Nabisco	28	+0
Ralston Purina	103.188	-0.6875
Rank Organn ADR	12.625	+0.125
Raychem Corp	38.9375	+0.125
Raytheon A	52.125	-0.8125
Raytheon B	54	-0.375
Reebok Intl	29.75	-0.0625
Republic NY	133.313	+0.9375
Reynolds Reyn A	22	-0.5625
Reynolds Metals	65.75	+0
Rite Aid Corp	30.75	+0.125
Rockwell Intl	55	-0.3125
Rohm & Haas	107.938	+0.375
Rouse	31.0625	+0.0625
Rowan	28.8125	+0.5
Royal Dutch	55.5625	+0.0625
Rubbermaid	28.5	+0.5
Ruddick	17.8125	-0.25
Russell Corp	28.875	+0.9375
Ryder System	35.625	-0.375
SPS Technology	60.875	+0.875
Safeco Corp	50	+0.375
Safety-Kleen	28.75	-0.0625
St Paul's Cos	80.875	-1.9375
San Diego Gas	26.125	+0.25
Sara Lee Corp	57.625	+0.6875
Schering Plough	78.25	-1.0625
Schlumberger	78.4375	+1.5
Scientif Atlanta	21.9375	+0
Scripps	55.9375	-0.125
Seagate Tech	25.9375	-0.75
Seagram	39.875	+0.75
Sears Roebuck	56.25	-0.375
Sensormatic Elec	15	+0.125
Sequent Computer	19.625	+0.375
Service Corp I	40.3125	-0.25
Service Master	27.5625	+0.0625
Shell Trans	42.9375	-0.0625
Sherwn Willms	33.625	+0.5625
Shoney's Inc	5.25	+0.1875
Sigma Aldrich	40.875	+0.25
Silicon Graphics	13.125	+0
Skyline Corp	30.0625	-0.125
Smith Intl	55.8125	-0.25
SmtKline Bchm A	58.5	+0.8125
Snap-On-Tools	42.1875	-0.5
Sonat	42.8125	+0.125
Sonoco Prods	40.5	+0.375
Sony Corp ADR	84.25	+0.4375
Southdown	59.5	-0.5
Southern Co	28.5	+0.125
Sth N. Eng Tel	67.875	+0.5625
Southw Airlines	26.25	-0.6875
SBC Sthwstn Bell	39.9375	-0.125
Spring Inds	54.8125	+0.6875
Sprint Corp	68.0625	-0.125
Standard Prods	32.3125	-0.0625
Stanley Works	50.5625	+0.125
Stone Container	18	+0.5
Storage Technol	82.375	+0.625
Stratus Comp	42.5	-1.5625
Sun America	2.125	+0
Sun Company	40.0625	+0.3125
Sundstrand	68	+1.625
Sun Microsystms	40.5	+0.5625
Sunshine Mining	1.25	+0.0625
Suntrust	78.9375	+0.8125
Supervalu	43.5625	+1.125
Symantec	30.125	+0.875
Sysco Corp	23.625	+1.1875
TJX Cos Inc	42.5625	+0.1875
TRW Inc	50.5	-0.8125
Tab Products	15.0625	+0.3125
Tandy Corp	49	+0.375
Telecom Corp	30.75	-0.4375
Telefonos de Mex	54.9375	+2.3125
Telef De Espana	124.063	+4.5
Temple Inland	63.75	+1.75
Tenneco	49.25	-1.9375
Tenet Health	37	-0.3125

	LAST	CHANGE*
Teradyne	36.0625	+0.4375
Texaco Pet	19.1875	-0.125
Tenneco	61.4375	-0.6875
Texas Instruments	60.5	+0.125
Texas Utilities	39.3125	-0.3125
Textron	73.8125	-1.6875
Thiokol	51.0625	+0.5625
Thomas & Betts	58.1875	+0
TimeCom	32.9375	+0.625
Time Warner	75.875	+1.875
Times-Mirror	60.8125	+2.5875
Timken	36.875	-0.875
Torchmark	44.1875	-1.3125
Tosco Corp	34.75	-0.375
Toys R Us	27.875	+0.125
Transamerica	116.063	+0.875
Transco Energy	55.3125	+2
Travellers Grp	60.75	-0.5
Tribune	66.25	+2.125
Triton Energy	39.6875	-0.125
TWA	9.625	-0.3125
Tyco Labs	52.5625	-1.3125
Tyler	10.1875	-0.1875
UAL Corp	87.0625	-0.25
USG Corp	50.1875	-1.0625
UST Inc	27.5375	-0.3125
USX Marathon	35.375	-0.125
USX-US Steel	37.3125	-1.125
Ultramar Diam	32.0625	-0.8125
Unicom Corp	33.6875	+0.875
Unilever PLC	40.5625	+1
Unilever NV	71.125	+1.5625
Union Camp	59.5625	+1.0625
Union Carbide	48.1875	+0.1875
Union Pacific	54.5625	-0.125
Unisys Corp	21.875	+0.8125
USAIR Group	68.9375	-0.625
USF&G Corp	23.75	0
US Home	39.5625	-0.1875
US Surgical	30.375	+0.0625
US Trust	69.625	-0.3125
US West	51	-0.5625
Unified Tech	96.6875	-0.6875
Unocal Corp	41.3125	+0.5625
VF Corp	51	+0.3125
Valero Energy	32.8125	-0.1875
Varian Assoc	48	-0.75
Viacom Inc	55.6875	+2.0625
Vishay	19.25	-0.1875
Vulcan Materials	114	+2.875
Wachovia	82.4375	+0.125
Walgreen	39	+0.125
Wal-Mart Stores	49.125	-0.4375
Warner-Lambert	185.313	-0.6875
Wash Gas Light	26.75	+0.3125
Washington Mutu	67.9688	-1.09375
Washington Post	518.438	+1.3125
Waste Mgmnt Inc	31.5625	-0.0625
Watkins-Johnson	26.75	+0.25
Wells Markets	35.625	-0.125
Wells Fargo	160	+1.6875
Wendy's Intl	21.8125	-0.25
Westvaco	29.875	+0.1875
Weyerhaeuser	57.1875	+0.625
Whirlpool	70.125	+0.375
Whitman	16.5	-0.625
Williams Co	30.8125	-0.6875
Winn Dixie Stos	37.4375	+0.875
Woolworth	22.8125	-0.1875
World Comm	42.25	+1.125
Worthington Ind	17.625	-0.125
Wrigley	82.25	+3.125
Xerox	110.563	+0.0625
Yellow Freight	17.75	+0.25
Zenith Electron	3.875	-0
Zero Co	30.125	-0.125

LONDON

Allied Domecq	622	+2.5
BAT Inds	570	+9.5
BT	647	+5
BTR	200	-0.25
Barclays	1737	+6
Bass	1112	+19
Boots	906.5	+12
British Airways	807.5	+5
Cable & Wire	-	-
Comm Union plc	1038	+7
Diageo	717	+24.5
General Electric	484	+2.5
Glaxo	1607	+55
Halifax	795	+10
HSBC (75p shs)	1847	+78
ICI	1083	-3
Lend Securities	1072	+18
Lloyds Bank	908.5	+6.5
Marks & Spencer	554.5	+3.5
NatWest Bank	1136	+15
Prudential	793.5	+25
Reuters	641	-12.5
Sainsbury	468.5	+3.5
Shell Transport	432	+5.25
Unilever	808.5	+3.5
Zeneca	2498	+29

PARIS

Accor	1584	+34
Air Liquide	1107	+39
Alcatel Alsthom	1062	+20
Euro Disney	9.35	+0
Michelin B	357	-4.7
Moulinex	177.9	+1.3
Paribas	533	+0
Pernod Ricard	401.6	-0.9
Peugeot	1040	+42
Saint Gobain	994	+49

FRANKFURT

	LAST	CHANGE*
Bayer	77.75	-0.55
Daimler-Benz	175.8	-1.2
Lufthansa	40.2	-0.2
Mannesmann	1360.5	-22.5
Metallgesellschaft	36.05	-0.8
Volkswagen	1381	+11

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 28-APR-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sel (Basket) (1)	3.9842	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.721	0
British Pound (1)	6.204	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0747	0
French Franc (1)	0.6188	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.82	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4975	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.5883	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0994	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.3396	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8898.96	-18.68
DJ Transport	3445.87	+0
DJ Utils	277.14	+0.38
DJ Comp	2837.19	-2.75
NYSE Industr	696.53	+0.12
NYSE Transport	504.16	+0.92
NYSE Comp	563.56	+0.51
S&P 100	534.26	-1.63
S&P Spot Index	1085.11	-1.43

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5806.6	+84.2
Tokyo Nikkei	15395.4	-254.5
Singapore all-share index	378.84	+0.08
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	10678.6	+84.9
Israel Index	233.89	+7.32
Paris CAC 40	3777.23	+91.4
DAX	5088.13	-56.15
Madrid	834.21	-27.84
Swiss Market Index	7180	+125.8
Sydney	2891.3	+63.3
Milan	1387.58	-85.68

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound:spot	1.6675	-0.0046
Jun.future (CME)	1.665	-0.0052
D-mark:spot	1.794	-0.0035
Jun.future (CME)	0.5594	-0.0019
S-franc: spot	1.493	+0.0048
Jun.future (CME)	0.6736	-0.003
Yen: spot	132.22	-0.11
Jun.future (CME)	0.007615	-0
CanDlr:spot	1.4395	+0.0008
Jun.future (CME)	0.6952	-0.0004
AusDlr:spot	0.6443	-0.0009
Jun.future (CME)	0.6456	-0.0015
F-franc: spot	6.014	+0.017
It Lira: spot	1773.2	+4.7
Nlg: spot	2.0178	+0.0071
AutSchg: spot	12.6274	+0.0561
Rand:spot	5.045	-0.005
ECU: spot	1.1021	-0.0031

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (CEC)	1688	-29
Coffee (May) (CEC)	135.15	+0.75
Wheat (May) (CBOT)	298.25	+2.5
Soybean (May) (CBOT)	643.5	-5
Sugar (May) (CEC)	6.85	-0.18
Orange juice (May)(CEC)	99.5	+0.85
Bonds:Jun.future	118.719	-0.0625
S and P:Jun.future	1091.3	-2.2

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (May) (LCE)	1074	-4
Coffee (May) (LCE)	1818	+73
Brent crude oil (May)(IPE)	-	-

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver:spot	6.18	-0.04

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Apr)	306.3	-1.6
Silver (May)	6.115	-0.033
Platinum (Apr)	414	0
Palladium (Jun)	303.9	+0.3
High-grade copper (May)	0.6495	+0.001

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	308.6	-2.8
Gold PM fix	308.45	-1.2
Silver fix	613.5	-8

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)
SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 28-APR-98)

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Stocks up in response to freeing of shekel

Tel Aviv

Stocks on the TASE rose yesterday for the first time in three days after the government removed restrictions on shekel trading, bolstering investor confidence in the economy, and on expectations US stocks will rise.

The market was led by Clal Insurance Enterprise Holdings Ltd., which rose 2.9 percent to NIS 46.1 and state-run telephone company Bezeq Ltd., which gained 2.2 percent to 10.25. That helped the Maof Index of the largest 25 companies rise 0.56 percent 323.87, a 2.1 percent drop for the shortened trading week.

The shekel weakened 0.4 percent today to 3.721 against the US dollar.

Yesterday, the currency gained 1.1 percent against the dollar on concern that the government would implement a watered-down reform. The Tel Aviv-100 Index of largest companies gained 0.41 percent to 307.38, a 2.1 percent drop over the last three days.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 193.2 million ($51.9 million) of shares were traded, about the same as the April average. In the broader market, than five issues dropped for every four that rose. Clal Insurance was the most active issue, with NIS 16.4 million in transactions.

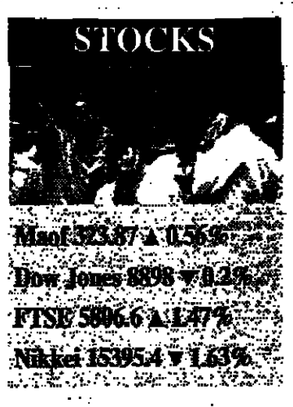
Asia

Japanese stocks fell to a three-month low, dragged down by a report that unemployment had reached a postwar high of 3.9 percent and other signs of a slowing economy. Japanese retailers like Jusco Ltd. and Marui Co. led the slide after the government reported sales at the nation's largest stores fell 14.9 percent in March from the same month last year. Stocks also fell in South Korea, led by Pohang Iron & Steel, and in Taiwan, India and Australia. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index rebounded from a two-month low in early trading, paced by Hutchison Whampoa Ltd., the conglomerate owned by billionaire Li Ka-shing that accounts for 9 percent of the benchmark's value. "This type of volatility only comes from markets that are scared, insecure, and looking for a direction," said Kent Rossiter, deputy general manager at Nikko Securities Co. (Asia) in Hong Kong.

The dollar was little changed against the yen and US bonds rose after posting their biggest losses in six months in New York.

Hong Kong stocks initially paced a slide in many Asian markets after US stocks took their biggest tumble since Jan. 9. The US decline was triggered by a report in *The Wall Street Journal* that the Fed had adopted a bias toward raising interest rates. If the Fed raises rates, Hong Kong would have to tighten credit to keep its currency pegged to the dollar. After dropping as much as 2.8 percent in early trading, the Hang Seng ended the day rising 84.90, or 0.80 percent to 15395.43.

Japanese stocks dropped largely in response to the unemployment and retail figures, generating more pessimism about prospects for the government's 16.65 trillion yen ($126 billion) stimulus program reviving the economy. The



Nikkei 225 stock average fell 254.52 points, or 1.63 percent to 15,395.43.

South Korean stocks fell for a sixth day on concern a government plan to boost financial markets – expected to include measures to curb unemployment and the scrapping of a 0.3 percent stock trading tax – will fail. "I doubt the effectiveness of any economy-boosting measures at this point," Hwang Chang Joong, a chief analyst at LG Securities Co. "Investors want a sweeping restructuring in the economy before anything else." The Kospi index dropped 3.86, or 0.95 percent, to 402.39, its lowest level since Jan. 6.

Singapore stocks rose, led by Development Bank of Singapore Ltd. and other banks. The benchmark Straits Times Industrial Index rose 10.30 points, or 0.70 percent, to 1481.77. Australian stocks fell, led by banks such as National Australia Bank Ltd., on concerns about the weakness of Japan's economy and US interest rates. The All Ordinaries index fell 36.7 points, or 1.3 percent to 2781.3. Indian stocks fell, led by Bank of Baroda, amid concern the budget due next month may fall short of the expectations of local investors. The 50-stock NSE50 Index of the National Stock Exchange fell 15.80 points, or 1.4 percent, to 1148.55.

Europe

UK stocks rose, with the benchmark index recovering more than half of yesterday's losses, amid hopes inflation and borrowing costs will remain in check. Stocks on both sides of the Atlantic surged after *The Washington Post* reported the US Federal Reserve isn't necessarily ready to raise rates. The FTSE 100 Index climbed 84.2 points, or 1.47 percent, to 5806.6 — still about 340 points off the record reached on April 14. Some of Britain's largest companies rose including Glaxo Wellcome Plc, the country's leading drugmaker, up 60p to 1,607 and HSBC Holdings Plc, Britain's largest bank, up 78p to 1,738. The FTSE 250 Index of medium-sized British stocks climbed 3.9 points, or 0.07 percent, to 5567.9 after losing 0.64 percent yesterday. "Global inflation is low and staying under control," said Neil Birrell, the head of U.K. equities at Framlington Investment Management Ltd., which manages $3 billion worth of British stocks. "Interest rates are low and earnings growth is still satisfactory – no one is suggesting that we'll have a boom-bust economy."

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) – Stocks were mostly higher yesterday, but blue-chip issues retreated after an early rally, undermining the market's attempted rebound from Monday's selloff.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 18.68 points – or 0.2 percent – at 8,898.96 after swinging from an early 89-point gain to a 54-point loss.

Broader stock measures also pulled back from the morning's highs, but several finished modestly higher. The Nasdaq composite index posted the biggest gain after suffering the heaviest damage on Monday.

Procter and Gamble, Eastman Kodak and Chevron were the weakest Dow components, offsetting sizable gains from Disney and Merck.

The Dow lost 147 points on Monday amid suggestions that the Federal Reserve is mulling an increase in interest rates to slow the economy and keep inflation in check.

The inflation-sensitive bond market, jolted by Monday's developments, struggled again yesterday, with the yield on the 30-year Treasury pushing farther above 6%. The long-bond yield, which on Monday rose above 6% for the first time since early march, is used to calculate the interest charged on many types of loans.

The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that Fed policy makers are no longer pondering a cut in the central bank's lending rates to offset the economic slowdown in Asia.

Mark drops as US rate rise fear dwindles

The dollar rose against the mark as speculation ebbed that the US Federal Reserve may soon raise interest rates, fueling a rebound in US stocks.

An article in *The Washington Post* quelled talk that the central bank may increase borrowing costs at its next meeting. That helped the stock market retake losses suffered Monday after another newspaper-generated rate rise fear.

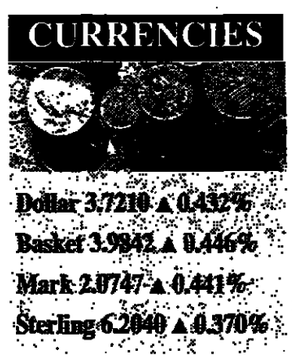
"The majority don't think the Fed will need to raise rates soon," said Scott Turner, who manages $2 billion in global bonds at Prudential Investments. "A rate hike is negative for the stock and bond markets," so the dollar rose amid talk rates may be on hold, he said.

The dollar rose to 1.7937 marks from 1.7886 marks Monday in New York. It was little changed at 132.15 yen from 132.17 as concern the Bank of Japan may sell dollars to boost the yen kept the dollar from gaining on a report showing that Japan's unemployment rate rose to a post-World War II high in March.

The mark also was dragged down as traders scaled back expectations that Germany's central bank will raise lending rates in the immediate future. A report Monday showed prices of goods imported to Germany fell a larger-than-expected 0.6 percent in March, the seventh monthly drop.

"The Germans may hold off a rate hike" in the near term, said Karl Halligan, chief trader at CIC Bank New York.

To be sure, German central bankers may need to raise rates in coming months to bring them in



line with rates in other countries likely to adopt the single currency, or euro, investors said.

"Germany will probably need to hike rates before long," said Prudential's Turner, adding that he sold dollars and bought marks yesterday and last week.

"That means the mark will do better for a while," Turner said.

Countries that join the euro from its Jan. 1, 1999 outset will have the same lending rates. Three-month German bills yield 255 basis points less than 90-day bills in Ireland, another expected founding member. And Ireland's economy may be growing too rapidly for the country's central bank to cut rates much without unleashing inflation pressure.

Higher German rates would increase the premium on mark deposits and bonds.

Traders were reluctant to purchase dollars for yen after Vice Finance Minister for International Affairs Eisuke Sakakibara said the economy is "bottoming out" and the government will "take decisive measures against an excessively weak yen." His remarks heightened speculation the central bank will sell dollars as evidence builds that Japan's economy is slipping into recession.

"Nobody wants to be selling yen when the Bank of Japan steps in," said Robert Blake, an economist at Bank of America in London. Still, many traders and investors said the dollar is likely to resume its ascent against the yen amid economic weakness in Japan compared with strength in the US. "Nothing is going right in the Japanese economy," said Turner, who sold yen to buy marks recently. "It's hard for me to get bullish on the yen."

(Bloomberg)

Palladium falls as Russia moves to resume shipments

Precious metals

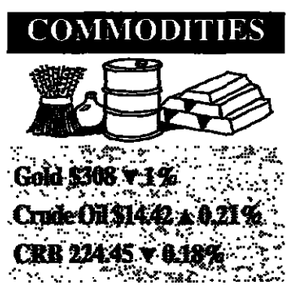
Precious metals Palladium fell on speculation that Russian officials will hold negotiations with Japanese consumers in May, improving the chances of a resumption of Russian shipments by the middle of the year.

Russian government officials and major Japanese trading houses are set to meet in mid-May to negotiate over 1998 shipments, said Shigeki Kojima, chief broker at Okato Shoji Co., a commodity trading company in Tokyo. Russian officials declined to confirm a date for the talks had been set. Spot palladium fell $8 to $365 an ounce.

Copper fell on concern about sagging demand for the metal in Asia and as copper output from major mining companies continues to rise.

Japan's unemployment rate surged to a postwar record 3.9 percent in March while new job offers slipped for a seventh month, as slumping sales forced builders and manufacturers to fire workers. The figures reflect the increasing weakness of the Japanese economy, which is important for global copper demand since Japan is the second-largest consumer of the metal.

Yesterday, Rio Tinto Plc., the world's largest mining company, said its mined copper production rose 5 percent in the first quarter to 199,800 tons from 190,300 tons a year earlier. Copper for three-months delivery fell $19 to $1,875 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange.



Gold dropped on speculation that a meeting of European Union governments this weekend will fail to clarify how member governments intend to control their reserves. Gold for immediate delivery dropped 1.15 cents to $308.50 an ounce.

Oil

Brent crude oil rose as Venezuela and Libya became the latest members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to suggest more production cuts may be necessary to boost sagging oil prices.

Venezuela's Energy and Mines Minister Erwin Arrieta said yesterday another 500,000 barrels a day of production cuts are needed from world output and indicated further cuts could be decided at OPEC's next meeting on June 24.

OPEC's official news agency reported Libya's Oil Minister Abdallah Salem El-Badri as saying Libya will support further cuts. Benchmark Brent crude oil for June delivery rose 16 cents to $14.37 a barrel.

Others

Coffee climbed on concern that supplies of robusta coffee beans are lean after drought damaged crops in Vietnam. Rain hasn't fallen in almost seven months in some parts of Dak Lak, the main coffee-growing province of Vietnam, leading to concern that the country's 1998-99 crop could be slashed by as much as one third.

Vietnam's 1997-98 crop may also have been cut by the early start to the dry season, which prevented coffee cherries from swelling to their full size, analysts said. Coffee for July delivery rose as much as $46 to $1,731 a ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange.

(Bloomberg)

Bonds investors ponder if Federal Reserve will raise lending rates

US bonds were little changed, with yields at the highest in almost two months, as investors debated whether the Federal Reserve will boost bank lending rates without clear signs of quickening inflation.

"Inflation is non-existent and the Fed isn't likely to raise rates without signs of it," said Christopher Sullivan, who manages $450 million of fixed-income securities at the United Nations Federal Credit Union. "I'm taking advantage of it."

He bought two-year agency notes yesterday. The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose one-eighth, or $1.25 per $1,000 bond, to 101 1/8, pushing its yield down 1 basis point to 6.04 percent. The two-year note yielded 5.68 percent.

Bonds yesterday posted the biggest loss in six months after the *Wall Street Journal* reported that the Fed adopted a bias toward raising rates when it met March 31. Prices stabilized after a Washington Post article reminded investors that doesn't mean the

Fed will act soon, adding that central bankers are encouraged by signs of slowing in recent economic reports.

A slowing economy is good for bonds because it is likely to stifle inflation, which erodes the value of securities that pay a fixed rate of return. Consumer prices rose 1.4 percent in the last 12 months, the smallest increase in more than a decade. Fed officials next convene May 19, and again July 1.

The central bank last raised its target for overnight lending between banks in March 1997, by 1/4 point to 5.5 percent. "That *Washington Post* article is going to undo a lot of what was done yesterday," said Scott Graham, co-head of government bonds at Prudential Securities Inc., who sees 30-year bond yields trading between 5.95 percent and 6.10 percent in coming days. "They aren't going to be tightening in May."

Investors gleaned little from today's reports on durable goods orders and consumer confidence, which confirmed the economy is still strong.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (20.4.98)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (28.4.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.9449	4.0086	—	—	3.9842
U.S. dollar	3.6833	3.7428	3.62	3.80	3.7210
German mark	2.0551	2.0883	2.01	2.12	2.0747
Pound sterling	6.1493	6.2485	6.04	6.34	6.2040
French franc	0.6130	0.6229	0.60	0.64	0.6188
Japanese yen (100)	2.7914	2.8365	2.74	2.88	2.8200
Dutch florin	1.8276	1.8571	1.79	1.89	1.8451
Swiss franc	2.4720	2.5119	2.42	2.55	2.4975
Swedish krona	0.4762	0.4839	0.46	0.50	0.4809
Norwegian krone	0.4939	0.5019	0.48	0.51	0.4986
Danish krone	0.5387	0.5474	0.52	0.56	0.5437
Finnish mark	0.6773	0.6883	0.66	0.70	0.6836
Canadian dollar	2.5606	2.6017	2.51	2.64	2.5883
Australian dollar	2.3785	2.4169	2.33	2.46	2.3999
S. African rand	0.7291	0.7409	0.66	0.75	0.7371
Belgian franc (10)	0.9955	1.0116	0.97	1.03	1.0054
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9224	2.9696	2.87	3.02	2.9484
Italian lira (1000)	2.0792	2.1128	2.04	2.15	2.0994
Jordanian dinar	5.1769	5.2604	5.11	5.46	5.3396
Egyptian pound	1.0500	1.1400	1.05	1.14	1.1349
ECU	4.0638	4.1294	—	—	4.1033
Irish punt	5.1897	5.2735	5.10	5.35	5.2410
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4201	2.4582	2.37	2.50	2.4431

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

INDEPENDENCE DAY

HELEN KAYE

In Tel Aviv, big celebrations at Rabin Square and Park Darom from 9 p.m. with fireworks at 10 and 11 p.m. From 11 p.m., a sing-along at the Tel Aviv Museum plaza.

In Jerusalem, entertainment on stages all over town including Zion Square, Gilo Park, Independence Gardens and the City Center, with fireworks starting from 10:15 on.

Haifa has a rock marathon at the Kiryat Eliezer Stadium starting at midnight and before that, fun from 9 p.m. and fireworks (at 9:50 p.m.) on stages all over town including the Haifa Auditorium plaza, Kiryat Eliezer promenade and on the Hadar.

In Beersheba, the show is on the municipality plaza with fireworks and pyrotechnical wonders at 9:45 p.m.

There are similar celebrations at the Rishon Lezion Amphitheater and the Hamashbir plaza in Ra'anana and all over the country.

If you're a visitor, check with your hotel.

Itzhak Perlman joins the IPO for a gala concert

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Israel's leading orchestras celebrate the 50th anniversary with festive concerts. The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and Zubin Mehta present a grand gala in true IPO style. Itzhak Perlman and Pinhas Zukerman play Bach's concerto for two violins and Mozart's sinfonia concertante for violin and viola. Yefim Bronfman plays Beethoven's second piano concerto, and sensational mezzo-soprano Cecilia Bartoli makes her IPO debut singing arias by Mozart and Rossini. Mehta leads the orchestra in works by Paul Ben-Haim and Noam Sheriff. Tonight (9) at the Jerusalem International Convention Center and Thursday (8:30) at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. On Saturday (9) Mehta takes the IPO to the open air in Tel Aviv's Yarkon Park with soloists Perlman, Bronfman, as well as Rita, Haya Samir and others in a program of classical and popular music.

The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra performs tonight (9:15) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem under the baton of music director David Shallon, who leads the orchestra in Berlioz's *Roman Carnival* overture and Ravel's *Bolero*. Violist extraordinare Tabea Zimmermann plays Partos's *Song of Praise*, and singer Esther Ofarim sings some of her all-time greatest hits.

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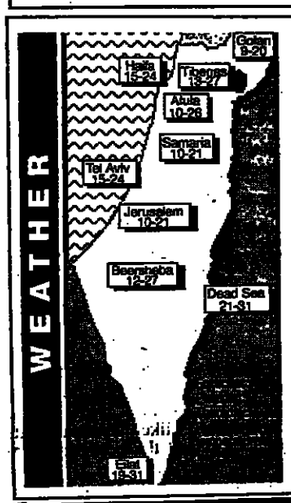

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Boston	04	39	10	50	p/cloudy
Buenos Aires	17	63	20	68	rain
Cairo	16	61	27	81	clear
Chicago	03	37	12	54	clear
Copenhagen	09	48	14	57	rain
Frankfurt	x	x	x	x	x
Geneva	11	52	14	57	rain
Helsinki	04	39	17	63	rain
Hong Kong	22	72	24	75	rain
Jo'burg	09	48	23	73	clear
Lisbon	11	52	17	63	cloudy
London	07	45	15	59	clear
Los Angeles	15	59	24	75	clear
Madrid	09	48	22	72	rain
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New York	06	43	16	50	p/cloudy
Nice	16	61	18	64	rain
Paris	10	50	14	57	rain
Prague	12	54	22	72	p/cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	21	70	26	79	p/cloudy
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Vienna	12	54	26	79	clear
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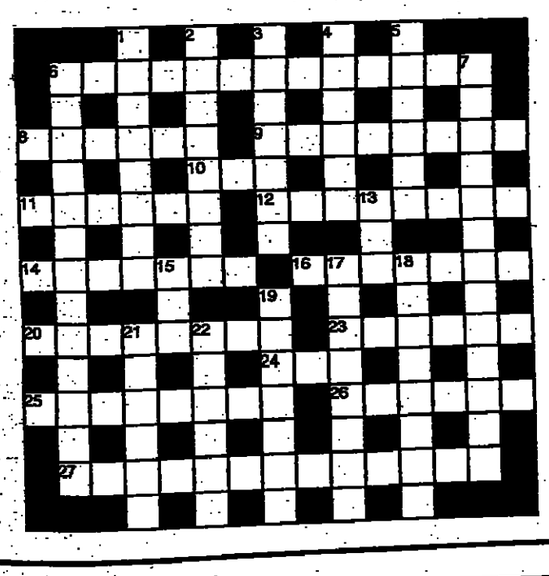
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

6 Suiting the seasons? (6,3,4)
8 Depression after an attack, perhaps (6)
9 False story about ringleader produces bad feeling (8)
10 Priest quite absorbed in his religion (3)
11 Reinforce complaint that's raised (4,2)
12 See great changes in economy travel (8)
14 Lavish praise (7)
16 Learned English with Trudie, perhaps (7)
20 Possible secret of not having to pay (4,4)
23 They're paid for it on board after six (6)
24 About to swallow duck eggs (3)
25 Being so one may react rashly with unusual ill-grace (8)
26 Take things the wrong way (6)
27 Its staff run a meals-on-wheels service (10,3)

DOWN

1 Files put in the wrong order with malicious intent (8)
2 Pet cried out, on its last legs (8)
3 From a service angle is careless in dress (7)
4 Publicity in place of helpful suggestions (6)
5 Top car manufacturer who takes prize (6)
6 Style of architecture that may be dropped (13)
7 Considered the matter closed? (7,2,4)
13 Some of the musicians get the bird (3)
15 He gets red if a stranger addresses him (3)
17 Hot-rod driving is completely absorbing (8)
18 Separate—that's abundantly clear (8)
19 Planet rising in temperature (7)
21 This religious belief is held by our opponents (6)
22 When students may collect on the streets (3-3)



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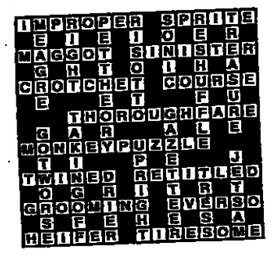

Quick Solution

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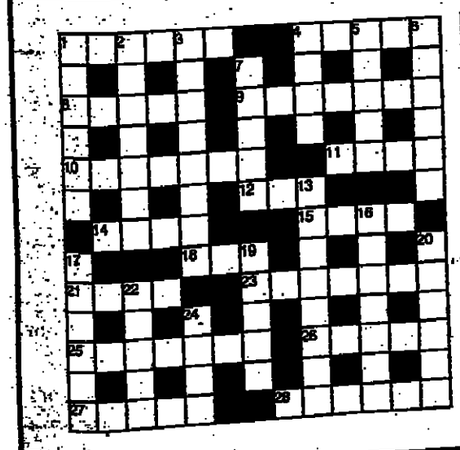

QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Athlete (6)
4 Measure heaviness (5)
8 Pay (5)
9 Diplomatic (7)
10 Train (7)
11 Gratis (4)
12 Regret (3)
14 Minus (4)
15 Kind (4)
18 Be seated (3)
21 Charity (4)
23 Voter (7)
25 See (7)
26 Resources (5)
27 Irritate (5)
28 Reviser (6)

DOWN

1 Recompense (6)
2 Lady's nightwear (7)
3 Simplicity (8)
4 Candle cord (4)
5 Deduce (5)
6 Headstall (6)
7 Direct (5)
13 Respected (8)
16 Draw back (7)
17 Chinese building (6)
19 Maxim (5)
20 Rubber (6)
22 Stoneworker (5)
24 Fracas (4)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

8:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 With the Families of the Fallen
8:30 His Fate Was Sealed on the Day He Was Born
9:00 Child Grief – a Canadian documentary about how children learn to live with the pain of losing a dear one, including conversations with the children and interviews with child experts
9:55 A Matter of Time
10:25 Ronni's Life
11:00 Remembrance Day Ceremony from Mt. Herzl
11:30 To Give Without Wanting to Take
12:05 So That It Won't be Lost
13:00 Sword in the Valley
13:30 We Still Remember the Smile
14:15 Dance for a Friend
14:25 A Soldier's Mum
15:00 Grief in Lebanon
15:30 Lines from The War
16:00 Trumpet and Piano
16:30 My Brother, My Brother – drama
17:00 To Give Without Wanting to Take
17:35 Brothers On Paper
18:15 News in English
18:30 South Lebanon
19:00 News
19:30 News Roundup of Remembrance Day events
19:50 Closing Remembrance Day Ceremony and Opening Day of Independence Day Celebrations
21:00 News
21:20 The Country's Treasure - national treasure hunt
21:15 Celebrating the Jubilee
23:40 The Country's Treasure
23:45 Independence Day Songs Into the Night
1:00 News
1:05 Horse Soldiers – John Wayne stars as a Civil War Yankee colonel who sets out with his soldiers to sabotage a railroad in rebel territory and has to contend with plenty of problems within his own camp en route. With William Holden and John Ford
3:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

6:45 Today's programs
5:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Rupert Bear
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 The Third Time
10:00 The Battle for Makhaz
11:00 Remembrance Day Ceremony
11:40 Israeli Songs
12:00 Memories of the Sea
12:30 Memories from Life
13:00 Open Cards
13:30 Ronni's Life
14:00 Junior News
15:00 Meeting Point
16:00 Convoy 20, Kiryat Haim
16:30 Memories from Life
17:00 News
17:20 Israeli Songs
17:30 So That They Don't Get Lost
18:15 Night Meet – Memories From Life
19:30 News
19:50 Torch Lighting Ceremony from Mt. Herzl
21:00 Hartzufim
21:30 Jubilee Celebrations – Gidi Gov and Ilana Dayan host an Independence Day Special, featuring an interview with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Ariel Sharon, Israel Prize winner Amos Oz and a host of other leading local figures
00:00 Yehuda Polliker – live at Caesarea
1:20 Bruno
2:00 Shablul – local production which has taken on cult status as the country's take on the Sixties. The movie features many of the best-loved entertainers of the time – Arik Einstein, Uri Zohar, Shalom Hanoch and Josie Katz
4:35 Israeli Songs
4:55 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

17:00 Holy Koran
17:10 Mr. Bogus
17:30 Conan the Adventurer
18:00 Oshoa
19:00 The End
19:30 Neighbors
20:00 Le Journal
20:15 French Show
20:30 News Headlines
20:35 Police Academy
21:00 Hollywood Remembers
22:00 Local Magazine
22:10 Kung Fu
23:00 News in English
23:30 Miniseries
01:00 Country Music
01:30 Local Current Affairs

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

15:00 TV Shop
15:30 Body Electric
16:00 Basic Training
16:30 The 700 Club
17:00 Larry King
18:00 Gerbert
18:23 Creation Station
18:45 Mort & Phil
19:10 Jack Hanna
19:35 Wait Til You Have Kids
20:00 Showbiz
20:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
21:00 Stockard Channing
21:25 Newhart
21:50 Movie: The Ditch Digger's Daughter
23:30 Movie Magic
00:00 The 700 Club
00:30 CNN News

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

Continuation of names of Israel's fallen soldiers
20:00 Ceremony Mt. Herzl
21:00 Scent of Mint – Israel's Jubilee

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 A Matter of Time – To Remember
16:00 Child Grief
17:00 With the Grieving Families
17:30 Sword in the Valley
18:10 Ronni's Life
18:40 So That It Doesn't Fade
19:30 Vis-a-Vis
20:00 Torch Lighting Ceremony
21:10 Village Side Show
22:00 Continuous broadcasts until May 1st, 8 am – Fury and Fame; All the People; Naphtali Hertz Imber; Rav Kook (Part 1): Rav Kook (Part 2): Rachel

■ CHANNEL 3

8:00 Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars United broadcasts with Channel 4
8:00 The 20 Year War – a naive and moving documentary by Paul Smith on the first 20 years of Israel's history
9:30 Yom Kippur – the story of the unknown heroes of the Yom Kippur War
10:20 Warriors Meet
10:40 Living With
11:10 Never to Return – poetry readings on bereavement
12:00 Missing in Action: six short films on soldiers whose place of burial is unknown and whose families live in uncertainty
13:00 The Sorrow and the Silence – the story of the Pesahov family whose son was killed in Kalkilya and was denied burial in the Army cemetery because his mother is not Jewish (rpt)
13:30 Always October – on five members of Kibbutz Sarid who were killed in the Yom Kippur War (rpt)
13:50 Itai Remains with Me – a portrait of 20 year old Itai Eyal who was killed near Eilat in 1985 (rpt)
14:50 Avi Sallo – the life of a paratrooper killed in the terrorist attack at Bet Lid intersection and his family's grief (rpt)
15:20 Guy Shafir – friends and family talk about a solider killed in a helicopter crash in the Judean desert (rpt)
15:40 Yair Lapid Live at 10 – Remembrance Day special (rpt)
16:50 The Impossible Spy (1997, 95 mins.) – Thriller based on the story of Elie Cohen, the Israeli spy who infiltrated the highest levels of Syrian government. With John Shea, Eli Wallach, Michal Bat-Adam, Rami Danon and Sasson Gabay (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The 20 Year War – a naive and moving documentary by Paul Smith on the first 20 years of Israeli history (rpt)
Independence Day Broadcasts
20:30 My Life and Yours – live performance of Boaz Sharabi in Tel Aviv interspersed with interviews
21:45 The Road to Happiness (1996) – a young woman is determined to become a famous Mizrahi singer and leaves her family and friends behind on the way. With Michal Shavit and Geula Nini
22:40 1812 Overture (Hebrew, 1997) – Original drama by Menashe Noi about a young soldier who is desperate to go home on leave to see his pregnant girlfriend. When he is refused, he steals a tank and threatens to shell the brigade commander's building. With Ami Smolarchik, Tinkerbell, and Keren Mor.
23:40 The Other Half Marathon – six consecutive special reruns of the local dating game
2:15 Fortis and Saharov – performance by the singer Rami Fortis with guests Bary Saharov and Shlomi Bracha
3:45 Dan Toren in Concert

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars – United broadcasts with Channel 3
20:30 Independence Day Broadcasts
20:30 Hill 24 Doesn't Answer (1955) – classic Israeli war film in English. The War of Independence as it is experienced by four soldiers guarding a post at the entrance to Jerusalem
22:10 Blockbuster Awards Ceremony from LA
23:50 Everybody's All-American (1988) – saga spanning 25 years about the life of a college football star and his homecoming queen who spend their life searching for happiness. With Jessica Lange, Dennis Quaid, Timothy Hutton, John Goodman and Carl Lumbly
1:55 The Beans of Egypt, Maine (1994) – an account of a notorious and rough backwoods clan from Maine as they are seen by their timid neighbor. With Marthe Plimpton, Kelly Lynch, Rutger Hauer and Patrick McGaw.
3:35 The Ice Runner (1993) – an American agent in the USSR is captured and sent to Siberia, where he assumes the identity of a criminal, to get better conditions. When the Communist regime falls, political prisoners are released, but he remains in jail

■ CHILDREN (6)

11:15 Animated Hero Classics: Florence Nightingale
11:40 Story Time: Abel's Island
12:10 Remembrance Day Flying Classroom
12:35 Living With (rpt)
13:05 Remembrance Day Flying Classroom
13:20 To Memories
14:30 Remembrance Day Special with Dalik Wolinitz (rpt)
15:00 The Flying Classroom: Remembrance Day Special
16:00 Remembrance Day Special with Dalik Wolinitz (rpt)
16:30 Living With (rpt)
17:00 The Grief and the Silence
17:30 Remembrance Day Flying Classroom
18:30 Remembrance Day Special with Dalik Wolinitz (rpt)
19:30 How Do You Spell God? – children from around the world share their thoughts on God with the camera
20:00 Independence Day Opening Broadcasts: with PM Binyamin Netanyahu
20:10 The Sabras – the story of 50 years in the life of an Israeli family

■ SECOND SHOWING (5)

22:15 Operation Petticoat (1959) – top-notch comedy by Blake Edwards about a World War II submarine commander determined to make his damaged ship seaworthy and his clashes with a wheeling and dealing lieutenant who works towards the same goal in a very different way. With Cary Grant and Tony Curtis
00:15 The Left-Handed Gun (1958, 97 mins.) – Arthur Penn's first feature film, a psychological portrait of the career of Western outlaw Billy the Kid. With Paul Newman, Lita Milan and John Dehner

■ CHANNEL 8

8:00 Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars – United broadcasts with Channel 6
20:00 This Week Fifty Years Ago: UN Resolution
20:15 Avot Yeshurun – a portrait of the important poet who said that poetry should be written about everything, including chamber pots and nonsense
21:10 This Week Fifty Years Ago: War Begins
21:25 The House Where Cockroaches Die of Old Age – a revealing biography of writer Yoram Kenyuk
22:25 This Week Fifty Years Ago: the battle for the road to Jerusalem
22:40 Yitzhak Sade (1969) – a portrait of an educator and the first commander of the Palmah
23:00 This Week Fifty Years Ago: the explosion at Jaffa Gate
23:15 Independence Day 1951 (1951) – documentary on the War of Independence through the eyes of a young girl
23:35 Open University: Yehudi Menuhim: Violin of the Century

■ NBC EUROPE (19/10)

6:00 The News
7:00 Europe Today
10:00 European Money Wheel
13:00 Internight (rpt)
14:00 Time and Again (rpt)
15:00 Flavors of France (rpt)
15:30 VIP (rpt)
16:00 The Today Show
17:00 Art and Practice of Gardening
17:30 Awesome Interiors
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 Travel Xpress (rpt)
19:30 VIP
20:00 Europe Tonight
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 Dateline
22:00 European Tour Golf: Peugeot Open de Espana
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 The Ticket (rpt)
1:30 NBC Nightly News
2:00 Tonight Show (rpt)

■ STAR PLUS (18/15)

6:00 Hindi programs
8:00 Oprah Winfrey
9:00 Mind Your Language
9:30 Heartbeat
10:30 Santa Barbara
11:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
12:00 Hindi film
14:00 The Wonder Years
14:30 Small Wonder
15:00 Hindi programs
18:30 Star News
19:00 'Allo 'Allo
19:30 The X-Files
20:30 Hindi programs
21:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
21:30 Star News (rpt)
22:00 Newhart
22:30 L.A. Law
23:30 Due South
00:30 Charlie's Angels
1:30 Santa Barbara
2:30 Oprah Winfrey

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:05 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sports
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report: As They See It
14:30 Your Health
15:15 News and Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Your Health
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business Today
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business Today
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
2:30 Moneyline

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

20:00 International Journal
21:00 English League Soccer
22:30 World of Speed
23:00 MLS soccer action
00:30 Israel vs Turkey
2:00 Sport's Best and Worst Moments

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Eurogoals
11:00 Cart
13:00 Carting
14:30 Tennis
15:00 Boule
15:30 Weightlifting Live
17:00 Sumo
18:00 Rally
19:00 Motorsports
20:00 Weightlifting
22:00 Soccer Live – Spanish Cup: Barcelona vs Majorque
00:00 Boxing - from Berlin
1:00 Motorsports
2:00 Weightlifting

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 Bach: Suite no 5 for Solo Cello (Fournier); Bach: English Suite no 6 (Schiff)
7:07 Beethoven: String Quartet op 131 (Italian); Schubert: 3 songs from Die Winterreise (Soper / Staier)
8:05 Schubert: String Quintet in C major arr for string orchestra (Atlas Camerata / Atlas)
9:05 Hartap: Bird of War, Symphony no 2 (1992) (Rotem / Haifa SO / Sperber); Orgad: Hatvi Yisrael, Symphony for Baritone and Orchestra (Ben-Shahar / Kol-Yisrael Orch / Bertini); Partos: Makama for Flute and String Quartet (1959) (Buchman / Israel)
11:00 siren
11:02 Ben-Haim: Cello Concerto (Weisel / JSO / Partos); Sulc: Asrael (symphony) for Large Orchestra op 27 (Czech PO / Neumann)
12:00 Handel: Mourner's Sinfonia (Perkins, trumpet); Haydn: Adagio from Mourner's Symphony (Weil, conductor); Mozart: Masonic Funeral Music; Sor: Fantaisie Elegaique for Guitar (Goluses); Beethoven: Elegaic Fantasy in Memory of Leonora Frauhaske; Schubert: Elegaic Fantasy in C minor (Tal / Groethuysen); Gounod: Funeral March of a Marionette; Ullman: Funeral March; Allegri: Funeral March
13:05 Remembrance Day for the Fallen of Israel's Wars - works by Sheriff, Zehavi, Tal and others
15:00 Songs in Memoriam by Michael Wolpe (b. 1960)
16:00 Bernstein: Halil - In Memory of Yadin [illegible] Weisenberg); Ben-Yosef: Sonata for Clarinet and Piano (A. and M. Chaikov); Songs of Jewish Spain (Sarabande Ens); Bloch: Shelomo, Hebrew Rhapsody for Cello and Orchestra (Isserlis / JSO / Shallon)
18:00 Paladiet: Solo for Oboe (Anderson / Bak); Tchaikovsky: Valse Sentimentale (Gruber / Yisraeli); Faure: Nell (Te Kanawa / Aner); Schumann: Rondo in C major for 2 pianos (Zak / Friedland); Reinecke: 3 Fantaisiestucken for Viola and Piano (Causse / D'Isabel); Chopin: Sonata for Cello and Piano op 65 (Ma / Ax); Faure: Piano Trio op 120 (Beaux Arts); Brahms: String Sextet no 1 (Raphael Ens)
20:05 Golden Generation - Alexander Brailowsky, piano. Works by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Weber, Mendelssohn and Chopin; Chopin: Sonata no 3
21:05 The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra live broadcast for Independence Day. With David Shallon, conductor, Tabea Zimmerman, viola and Esther Ofrim, singer. Berlioz: Roman Carnival Overture; Partos: Psalm for Viola and Orchestra; Esther Ofrim in a special performance; Ravel: Bolero

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	News Roundup of Remembrance Day events Closing Remebrance Day Ceremony	News			How Do You Spell God?	
20:00		Torch Lighting Ceremony from Mt. Herzl			Opening Broadcasts The Sabras	This Week Fifty Years Ago Avot Yeshurun
20:30			My Life and Yours	Independence Day Broadcasts		
21:00	News Celebrating the Jubilee	Hartzufiim				This Week Fifty Years Ago The House Where Cockroaches Die of Old Age
21:30		Jubilee Celbrations	The Road to Happiness			
22:00				Blockbuster Awards Ceremony from LA	Operation Petticoat	This Week Fifty Years Ago Yitzhak Sade
22:30			1812 Overture			This Week...
23:00						

SUMMIT

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He reportedly vowed that he will not "be drawn into that kind of fruitless dialogue."

These disclosures were accompanied by a reference to US peace envoy Dennis Ross. "He is generally regarded as the good guy," the source said, "but he was told that if he fails to win a deal based on Israeli concessions this time, there will be no more Middle East missions for him."

The Cairo summit embraced three issues: the deadlocked negotiations with the PA, Israel's offer to withdraw from southern Lebanon on the basis of UN Security Council Resolution 425, and the case of Azzam Azzam, the Israeli citizen imprisoned in Egypt for espionage.

The prime minister was joined by cabinet secretary Dan Naveh and Mubarak by his adviser, Osama Baz. Foreign Minister Amr Moussa was not present. It was the first time the two leaders had met since May 1997.

Netanyahu urged his host to exert his influence on the Palestinians to be more flexible and show a greater willingness to compromise, especially by coming to terms on the Gaza Strip airport and joint industrial zone, his director of communication, David Bar-Illan, said.

"The results of this summit will become apparent after Mubarak talks to the Palestinians," he added.

But the source said Mubarak was deeply disturbed by Netanyahu's insisting on restricting the IDF's next withdrawal in the West Bank to only 9 percent, instead of 13.1 percent as advocated by the US and accepted by the Palestinians.

The fact that Assistant Secretary of State Martin Indyk was in Cairo at the same time and also conferred with Mubarak was interpreted by the source as indicating American concern about the ongoing stalemate.

A statement issued in Cairo after the meeting said Mubarak advised Netanyahu to accept the American proposal. "President Mubarak reiterated that the only means by which progress may be achieved, and the peace process revived in particular, is the implementation of further redeployments."

Netanyahu said that if Israel and the Palestinians hold to their current positions nothing will happen and they must find "creative solutions" together. At the same time, he rejected "apocalyptic forecasts" about the consequences of disagreement – or if next Monday's meeting in London with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Prime Minister Tony Blair fails to generate tangible results.

"We won't be able to advance on the basis of a diktat," Netanyahu said.

Upon his return to Jerusalem, he told political reporters that he knows the world "will accuse me of being responsible for lack of progress." But that is irrelevant, he said, adding, "What is relevant is that which is essential for Israel's security."

Arafat held talks with Moussa in Gaza yesterday on the stalled US initiative and Moussa briefed him on the Netanyahu-Mubarak meeting. Moussa said he delivered Arafat an important message from Mubarak.

"We are passing, as well as the entire Middle East, a very sensitive stage," Moussa said.

Later, Moussa and PA International Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath signed 13 agreements in various spheres. Moussa also addressed the Palestinian Legislative Council, telling members that a Palestinian state is necessary for regional stability. He said Egypt will recognize such a state as soon as it is established.

PA aides said the agreements with Egypt are meant to compensate for what they termed the failed economic accords with Israel. They said the detailed agreements with Israel have been marred by repeated closure of the territories.

CURRENCY

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Although the measures announced did not include the relaxing of regulations for institutional investors, Frenkel said they will eventually be allowed to invest additional sums overseas.

Another remaining restriction prevents foreigners from dealing in options and futures for more than 30 days. This restriction will also be lifted "very soon," according to Neeman.

"The decision today is a dramatic decision in the sense that it changes the basic conception underlying the regime of our foreign exchange controls," said Netanyahu.

In the weeks ahead of the announcement the shekel fluctuated considerably. Analysts said this was the result of uncertainty about the contents of the package.

CRITICS' CHOICE

INDEPENDENCE DAY

HELEN KAYE

It's fly-by time off the Tel Aviv beaches. The navy steams past. Phantoms roar by overhead. The IAF's aerobatic team loops the loop, and this year there will be a parachute jump not only in Tel Aviv but in Afula, Beit Shean, Haifa, Kiryat Shmone, Nahariya, Ofakim, Tiberias and Yeroham. The fun starts at 1 p.m.

In Jerusalem, Jubilee Bells will ring from 8:30 p.m. The show is a cavalcade of the state's first 50 years. Its four segments were crafted by different directors. The stars twinkling on stage include Tuvia Tsafir, Gila Almagor, Shoshana Damari, Yossi Banai and many more. Dress warmly and remember that the gates close at 7 p.m. for security reasons.

THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Cooper, Yosef Bar-Yosef's new play, deals with repairs – and not just of things. Cooper (Yossi Pollak) is a pack rat and can't bear to throw anything away. Over the years his house has filled up with stuff he's going to repair one day, make them like new. His wife, Havatzelet (Miriam Zohar), tries to understand. Sharon, his daughter (Michaela Eshet), loathes him. Now Cooper is dying of cancer, and it may be too late to mend anything, even fences. The Beit Lessin production is directed by Micha Lewensohn. Opens tomorrow at Beit Lessin at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at 9 p.m. (Hebrew)

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

The New Israeli Opera revival of Verdi's *La Traviata* stars soprano Michal Shamir as Violetta, with mezzo-soprano Hadar Halevy as Flora, her faithful friend. There is a fair complement of local singers in this production, including soprano Svetlana Babajanov and baritone Dani Ettinger. It's directed by Christopher Alden and conducted by Frederic Chaslin alternating with Jonathan Webb. Tonight at 8 and tomorrow at 1 p.m. at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center.

And in a lighter vein, the Viennese Operetta Theater starts its tour of excerpts from light opera – *The Gypsy Baron, The Merry Widow* among others – plus a ballet. The orchestra is conducted by Thomas Gabor. On Saturday at Jerusalem's Sherover Theater at 9 p.m.

Michal Shamir and Richard Troxell star in 'La Traviata'

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CHANGES
in information given in the notice published on April 24, regarding INDEPENDENCE DAY EVENTS
a. The displays of IDF equipment at the Jordan Valley Memorial and in Kiryat Arba are canceled.
b. The IDF depot at Karnei Shomron will be open to the public.
c. The Hatzerim Base Air Force Museum will also be open on Friday, May 1, between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.
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■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

7:00 Jubilee in Israel
7:25 Israel's Treasure
7:30 Little Red Riding Hood – animation
7:45 The Pagemaster (1994) – a little boy takes shelter from a storm in the local library
9:00 Israel's Treasure
11:00 The World Jewish Youth Bible Quiz
12:55 News
13:00 IDF Parade
14:30 Israel's Treasure
15:00 Where Were We? – Independence Day special with Mrs. Reuma Weizmann
15:40 Israel's Treasure
16:00 Choosing a Jubilee Song
17:00 Israel's Treasure
7:40 News In English
ARABIC PROGRAMS
17:45 With Lilit Nagar
18:35 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:00 Israel Prize Ceremony
20:20 News
20:35 Jubilee Bells
22:35 Blessings for Yossi Banai
23:30 News
23:35 Vera Cruz – western starring Gary Cooper and Burt Lancaster
1:05 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

4:45 Today's programs
4:55 On the Edge of the Shelf
5:10 The Wizard
8:00 News
8:05 Naval Parade
8:15 Story Jungle
9:45 Naval Parade
10:00 News
10:05 Naval Parade
10:50 Herzl - Rock Opera
11:45 Ghost Machine
12:30 Meet the Press – interview with President Ezer Weizmann
13:00 News
13:05 The People's Army
15:00 News
15:05 Daughters Daughters (Israeli, 1973) – With Skaika Ophir, Michal Bat-Adam and Naomi Blumenthal
16:59 Five with Rafi Reshef
17:35 To Touch the Sky
18:25 Next Generation
20:00 News
20:30 Jubilee Bells
22:45 Only In Israel – Independence Day Special
23:45 Only Today (Israeli, 1976) – With Ze'ev Revach, Ilan Dar and Seffi Rivlin
00:00 News
00:10 Only Today (contd.)
1:45 Little Man (Israeli, 1978) – With Ze'ev Revach and Nitza Shaul-
3:10 On the Edge of the Shelf

■ JORDAN TV (31) (unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Dink the Dinosaur
15:30 Prince and the Pauper
15:45 Energy Express
16:00 French TV
17:00 NBA
19:00 Burnt Bridge
20:00 Le Journal
20:15 French Show
20:30 News Headlines
20:35 My Brother Jake
21:00 Job Hunting
21:30 Dr. Quinn, Doctor of the West
22:10 Oprah Winfrey
23:00 News in English
23:30 Movie
01:00 Music
01:30 Entertainment

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

15:00 TV Shop
15:30 Body Electric
16:00 Basic Training
16:30 The 700 Club
17:00 Larry King
18:00 Popeye
18:23 Popeye
18:45 Sonic the Hedgehog
19:10 Jack Hanna
19:35 League Soccer
20:30 World News Tonight (Arabic)
21:00 Newhart
21:25 Lou Grant
22:15 Hill Street Blues
23:05 Homicide
00:00 The 700 Club
00:30 CNN News

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■ ITV 3 (33)

9:00 Mahler – Symphony No. 1
10:00 Amos Oz
12:00 Yehoram Gaon
12:45 The Weekly Column
14:45 Shaika Ophir
16:00 Blah Blah
17:45 Telekessef
19:00 50 Years of Israeli Cinema – a celebration of half a century of local cinema, looking at well-known roles played by the likes of Chaim Topol, Yona Elian and Gila Almagor, and what some of the world's leading thespians think of our efforts on the silver screen
20:30 Jubilee Bells
22:15 Le Grand Pardon (French, 1982, 130 mins.) – the story of a Jewish Parisian Mafia head who declares war on a young upstart aiming to take over his mantle, with the bloody feud coming to a climax on Yom Kippur

■ ETV 2 (23)

Continuous broadcasts until May 1st, 8 am – Fury and Fame; All the People; Naphtali Hertz Imber; Rav Kook (Part 1); Rav Kook (Part 2); Rachel

■ CHANNEL 3

8:00 Deep Blue – three consecutive episodes of the Israeli Baywatch
10:05 His Eminence the Ambassador (Hebrew, 1997)
10:55 Hilulim – performance of the band Atraf at a wine festival
11:45 Hebrew Love: Yossi Siyas Independence Day Special
12:35 Yoni Rechter – performance
14:00 Trivia King
15:45 Love in the First Degree – original drama starring Alon Aboutbul as a police detective who investigates a double murder near Beit Shemesh and believes, contrary to everyone else, that this was not a terrorist attack, with Hana Azulai-Haspari
17:55 Just So You Know – original drama. Picture of a weekend in the life of a family with a mentally disturbed son who gets into a fight with his sister's new boyfriend who is a soldier
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Beverly Hills 90210
20:25 Hercules
21:10 Xena, the Warrior Princess
22:00 Yair Lapid Live at 10
22:45 Seinfeld
23:00 Ricki Lake
23:45 Law and Order
00:30 Babylon 5
1:20 Love Boat
2:15 Prince Street
3:00 The Commish
3:45 Soldier, Soldier

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

8:00 Out of Darkness (1993) – a schizophrenic woman loses everything, until she meets a special doctor. With Diana Ross
9:40 Time Warriors 5: Journey to the Magic Cavern (1995)
11:20 London Suite (1996) – Neil Simon's script follow up to Plaza Suite has a strong cast in a comedy about four different couples at a London hotel. With Kelsey Grammer, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Julie Hagerty, Jonathan Silverman and Michael Richards
13:00 Gun (1996), part 1 – Robert Altman project comprised of six episodes, each about a gun and how it affects the lives of those who hold it. With Rosanna Arquette and Peter Horton
13:55 Gun (1996), part 2 – With Daryl Hannah, Sally Kellerman, Randy Quaid and Jennifer Tilly
14:45 Gun (1996), part 3 – With Kirsten Dunst and Carrie Fisher
15:30 Gun (1996), part 4 – With Daniel Stern, Kathy Baker and Ed Bigly Jr.
16:20 Gun (1996), part 5 – With Brooke Adams, and Fred Ward
17:05 Gun (1996), part 6 – With Martin Sheen, Tess Harper and Christopher McDonald
17:55 Cast a Giant Shadow (1966) – biography of the American general Micky Marcus. With Kirk Douglas, John Wayne, Frank Sinatra, Yul Brynner, Angie Dickinson and Chaim Topol
20:20 Lend Me Your Wife (Hebrew, 1989) – slapstick comedy about a man who invests all his money in a restaurant in the middle of the desert. With Yona Elianne and Avraham Mor
22:00 Nick of Time (1995) – suspense thriller about a quiet businessman whose daughter is kidnapped within moments of arriving in LA and is forced to commit murder. With Johnny Depp, Christopher Walken, Charles S. Dutton, Courtney Chase and Marsha Mason
23:35 French Twist (French, 1995) – comedy with Victoria Abril
1:25 Legal Briefs (1995) – erotic drama.

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
7:30 Y.Y. Family
7:45 Sinbad the Sailor Fantasy
8:20 Surprise Garden
8:50 Make Believe Closet
9:20 Fun on Sbc Independence Day Special
10:00 Small Country Great Story – zappy condensed history of the country
10:40 Building the State
11:20 Country, City, Boy, Girl – documentary film about a trip taken by six children from across the country
12:10 Songs to You
12:55 Little University
13:45 YY Family
14:35 Sinbad the Sailor Fantasy
15:05 Surprise Garden (rpt)
15:30 Small Country Great Story (rpt)
16:20 Building the State (rpt)
17:00 Country, City, Boy, Girl (rpt)
17:50 Songs to You (rpt)
18:25 Little University (rpt)
19:00 Cream: Independence Day Special with Michal Yanai
19:50 Married with Children
20:10 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:40 Full House
21:05 Sweet Valley High
21:30 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:15 Suspicion (1941) – Alfred Hitchcock thriller. A happily married woman starts to believe that her husband is trying to kill her. With Cary Grant, Joan Fontaine, Nigel Bruce and Cedric Hardwicke
23:50 Dishonored Lady (1947, 80 mins.) – a glamorous and neurotic magazine art editor leaves her job and takes on a new identity. Just as her life is beginning to work out, however, she becomes a murder suspect. With Heddy Lamarr, Dennis O'Keefe and William Ludigan

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 Fifty Years Ago: Yigal Yadin leads raid on Sasa
8:20 It Plays in the End – four days in the Israel Philharmonic's preparation for the special Jerusalem 3000 concert
8:40 Fifty Years Ago: The bomb on Ben Yehuda Street
8:55 Avot Yeshurun
9:50 Fifty Years Ago: British and Arab forces
10:05 Wizellier – special reading of Meir Wizellier's poetry in Tel Aviv with Ehud Manor and Yaron London
10:45 Fifty Years Ago: Two outposts near Tel Aviv
11:00 Yitzhak Sade
11:25 Fifty Years Ago: Operation Nahshon
11:40 Gershuni – artist Moshe Gershoni creates
13:15 Fifty Years Ago: Liberation of Tiberias, Haifa and Jaffa
13:30 Yaakov Agor – a portrait of one of the country's greatest photographers
14:15 Fifty Years Ago: Operation Broomstick
14:35 Forward Post (1977) – Documentary
15:05 Fifty Years Ago: attempted break-in to the Old City
15:25 It's All Angels Now – the work of artist Yaakov Dorchin
16:45 Open University: Rubinstein at 90
18:15 Open University: Pictures and Paintings
18:45 Arkadi and Mokat – the touching story of an Ethiopian runner learning to cope with life in Israel
18:35 The Elhadad Family (1980) – portrait of a Beersheba family of Moroccan origin who became active in a movement for immigrants rights. Followed by a recent panel discussion with the family 17 years later
21:00 King David – the history of the country through the history of the King David Hotel, built by Jerusalem Arabs and staffed by veteran employees
21:55 History with Ofer Shelah: Independence Day Special
22:35 Fifty Years Ago: The story of Colonel Marcus.
22:45 Philharmonic's 60th anniversary
23:30 Open University (rpts)

■ NBC EUROPE (19/10)

6:00 The News
7:00 Europe Today
10:00 European Money Wheel
13:00 Internight (rpt)
14:00 Time and Again
15:00 Travel Xpress
15:30 VIP (rpt)
16:00 The Today Show
17:00 Company of Animals
17:30 Dream Builders
18:00 Time and Again
19:00 Wives of Italy
19:30 VIP
20:00 Europe Tonight
20:30 The Ticket
21:00 Deadline
22:00 NHL Powerweek
23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno
00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien
1:00 The Ticket (rpt)
1:30 NBC Nightly News
2:00 Tonight Show
3:00 Internight
4:00 VIP (rpt)
4:30 Executive Lifestyles
5:00 The Ticket (rpt)
5:30 Hello Austria, Hello Vienna

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

9:00 Israeli teams in European basketball competitions
10:30 Argentina vs Brazil
12:15 Sport's Best and Worst Moments
12:45 World of Speed
13:15 Hapoel Rishon le Zion in Europe
15:00 Adidas 4x4 Tournament
15:30 Speedo Water Polo League action
16:30 Argentina vs Brazil
18:15 Eyal Berkovich at West Ham and Haim Ravivo at Celta Vigo
20:00 WCW Wrestling
21:00 Figure Skating
22:00 Spanish League Soccer
23:00 Boxing

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Olympic Gazette
10:00 Rally
11:00 Soccer – Spanish Cup
13:00 Soccer World Cup Legends
14:00 Motorsports
15:30 Weightlifting Live
17:00 Sumo
18:00 Funboard
19:00 Bowling – from Germany
20:00 Weightlifting Live
22:00 Soccer – World Cup friendly warm-up match: Brazil vs Argentina
00:00 Soccer – the road to the World Cup
1:00 Motorsports
2:00 Weightlifting

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

7:10 Bach: Trio Sonata in G major (Galway / Huggett / Cunningham / Moll); Haydn: String Quartet in F major (Tatrai); Marenzio: 2 Madrigals (Consort of Musicke / Rooley); Beethoven: Piano Sonata op 81a (Brendel)
8:05 Glinka: Divertimento Brillante on Themes from Bellini's La Sonnambula (Russian National Soloists and Orch); Mozart: Symphony no 38 (Dresden Orch / Blomstedt)
9:05 Nielsen: Symphony no 1 (San Francisco SO / Blomstedt); Schubert: String Quartet no 15 (Berg); Chopin: Scherzo no 2 op 31; Mendelssohn: Hebrides Overture; Mendelssohn: Symphony no 3 "Scottish"; Mendelssohn: Meeresstille und Gluckliche Fahrt (18th-century Orch / Bruggen)
12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod
14:06 Encore
15:00 Achinoam Nini and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra with Ilan Mochiach, conductor, in songs by Leah Goldberg, Rachel, Natan Alterman, Gil Dor and Achinoam Nini
16:00 Haydn: String Quartet in D major (Mosaic); Mozart: Gran Partita K361 (Zelig; Ens); Tchaikovsky: String Quartet op 11 (Borodin); Argov: Meshiri Eretz Ahavti (Leah Goldberg) and Shir Eretz (Natan Yonatan) (Zitner / Argov)
18:00 The Israel Philharmonic performs - Weber: Overture to Oberon (Barenboim); Dvorak: 3 Slavonic Dances (Bernstein); Ben-Haim: Violin Concerto (Perlman / Mehta); Mahler: Symphony no 1
20:00 Israeli Artists - works by Shlomo Gronich and others
21:05 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens
23:00 Art of the Song

THURSDAY PRIME TIME

19:30						
20:00	News Jubilee Bells	News	Beverly Hills 90210			
20:30		Jubilee Bells	Hercules	Land Me Your Wife	Married with Children The Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	King David
21:00			Xena, the Warrior Princess		Sweet Valley High	
21:30						History with Ofer Shelah
22:00			Yair Lapid Live at 10	Nick of Time	Beverly Hills 90210	
22:30	Blessings for Yossi Banai	Only In Israel	Seinfeld		Suspicion	Fifty Years Ago Philharmonic's 60th
23:00			Ricki Lake			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE Falkenau, vision de l'impossible 7 • The Wings of the Dove 9:30 • The Great McGinty 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Sphere 8, 10:30 • Spiceworld 8 • Midnight in the Garden of Good And Evil 10:30 • The Boxer 8, 10:30 • Hard Rain 8, 10:30 • L.A. Confidential 8, 10:30 • Twice Bouskila 8 • Amistad 10:30 • Power Rangers - Turbo • Live Flesh 8, 10:30 • The Man In The Iron Mask 8, 10:30 JERUSALEM THEATER Deconstructing Harry 9:30 RAV CHEN 1-7 ☎ 6792799 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot As Good As It Gets 9:45 • Scream 2 7:30, 9:45 • Titanic 8:45 • Jackie Brown 9:45 • Titanic 9:15 • The Full Monty 7:30, 9:45 • Anastasia *(Hebrew dialogue)* • Good Will Hunting 7:30, 9:45 MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL ☎ 5700868 The Man In The Iron Mask 8, 10:30 • Spiceworld • Sphere 8, 10:30 SMADAR ☎ 5618168 The End of Violence 10, 12 midnight • Sweet Hereafter 8
TEL AVIV
CINEMATHEQUE Leon Polyakov + Le Combat de Serge Klarsfeld 7 • Truce 9:30 • Dune 12 midnight GAT ☎6967888 Titanic 8:30 GLOBUS Sphere 8, 10:30 • Live Flesh 8, 10:30 • Power Rangers - Turbo 8, 10:30 • Land Before Time *(Hebrew dialogue)* • The Boxer 8, 10:30 • L.A. Confidential 8, 10:30 • The Man In The Iron Mask 8, 10:30 • The Jackal 8, 10:30 • Hard Rain 8, 10:30 G.G. HOD 1-4 ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. L.A. Confidential•Hard Rain 8, 10:30 • Live Flesh 8, 10:30 • Amistad 8, 10:30 LEV ☎5288288 Good Will Hunting 7:45, 10:30 • Sweet Hereafter 8, 10:30 • The Thief 8, 10 • The End of Violence 8, 10 LEV AVIV Credit Card Reservations ☎6416841 Sweet Hereafter 8:15, 10:30 • The Thief 8:15, 10 • Ma Vie En Rose 8:15, 10 • Ice Storm 8:15, 10:30 • Brassed Off 8:15, 10:30 • My Best Friend's Wedding 8 • Wings of the Dove 6 • George of the Jungle 11:30 a.m. G.G. PE'ER ☎5442141 Sphere 8, 10:30 • The Boxer 8, 10:30 • The Man In The Iron Mask 8, 10:30 • Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil 8, 10:30 • Hard Rain 8, 10:30 RAV-CHEN ☎ 5282288 Dizengoff Circle Scream 2 7:30, 9:45 • Jackie Brown 9:45 • Mr. Magoo 7:30, 9:45 • As Good As It Gets 9:45 • Wag the Dog 7:30, 9:45 • Flubber 7:30 RAV-OR 1-5 ☎ 5102674 Opera House The Full Monty•Shooting Fish 7:30, 9:45 • Jackie Brown 9:45 • Seven Years in Tibet 7:30, 10 • Titanic 8:30
HAIFA
CINEMA CAFÉ AMAMI ☎ 8325755 Live Flesh•The Thief 8, 10 CINEMATHEQUE Un heros tres discret 6:30 MORIAH ☎8242477 Sweet Hereafter 8, 10 ORI ☎8500056 • L.A. Confidential•Sphere •The Man In The Iron Mask 8, 10:30 • The Boxer 8, 10:30 • Spiceworld 8 • Amistad 10:30 • Live Flesh 8, 10:30 • Hard Rain 8, 10:30 PANORAMA ☎6382020 Sphere 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Deconstructing Harry 4:30, 7, 9:30 • Spiceworld 4:30, 7 • The Man in The Iron Mask 9:30 RAV-CHEN ☎8500055 As Good As It Gets 9:30 • Scream 2 9:30 • The Full Monty 9:30 • Flubber 9:30 • I Know What You Did Last Summer 9:30 RAV-GAT 1-2 ☎ 8674311 Titanic 8:30 • The Full Monty 9:30 RAV-MOR 1-7 ☎ 8416898 Jackie Brown 9:30 • As Good As It Gets 9:30 • Mr. Magoo 9:30 • Scream 2 9:30 • Titanic 8:30 • Flubber 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 9:30 RAV-OR 1-3 ☎ 8246553Jackie Brown 9:30 • Good Will Hunting 9:30 • Seven Years in Tibet 9:30
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G.G. GIL Spiceworld•The Man In The Iron Mask•Twice Bouskila 9:30 • The Boxer•The Full Monty 9:30 • Hard Rain 9:30 • Titanic 9:15
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G.G. GIL ☎6905080 Titanic 8 • Sphere 8, 10:30 • Scream 2 8, 10:30
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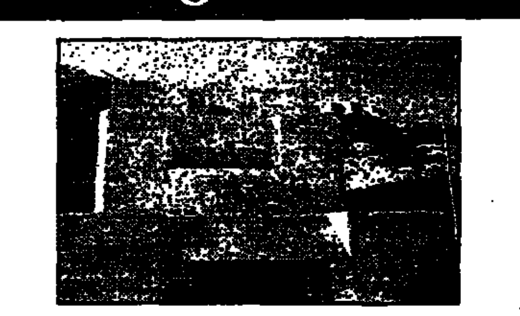

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Justice Goldberg agrees to comptroller nomination

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Supreme Court Justice Eliezer Goldberg has agreed to be nominated for the position of state comptroller, on condition he is the sole candidate.

A delegation of all Knesset faction heads met with Goldberg yesterday at the court and asked him to serve as comptroller when Miriam Ben-Porat completes her second term of office.

The faction heads were accompanied by Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi, which drew fire from Meretz MKs, who said it was inappropriate for a minister who represents the executive branch of government – which falls under the comptroller's purview – to make such a request. Earlier Labor MK Yossi Katz, chairman of the Knesset's State Control Committee, had called on Hanegbi not to join the faction heads.

The elections for the new comptroller, who is also ombudsman, will take place on May 26 in the Knesset. The incoming comptroller/ombudsman will serve one term of seven years, following a recent amendment to the law. Ben-Porat was comptroller for two five-year terms.

The faction heads told Goldberg yesterday that this would be the first time a comptroller is elected by wall-to-wall consensus in the Knesset, a sign of the high esteem in which he is held.

For his part, Goldberg said that he had been of two minds whether to accept the offer, since it would require him to retire from the Supreme Court three years early.

Goldberg was born in Jerusalem 67 years ago and graduated from the Hebrew University's law faculty in 1955. He has been a judge since 1964 and was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1984.

"The public holds supreme court justices in esteem and would like to see such a person in the post of comptroller," former justice minister David Liba'i said yesterday in an interview with Israel Radio. "A personality like Miriam Ben-Porat or Eliezer Goldberg helps to raise the standards of the MKs, who feel elevated by their presence in the Knesset," he noted. Liba'i added that, although it was perhaps a drawback that a judge did not have political expertise, it is far better to appoint a justice than a political nominee, who would feel indebted to his party colleagues.

S. Court convicts Obeid of Kikos rape-murder

A special panel of nine Supreme Court justices yesterday convicted Suleiman Obeid, by a majority vote, of raping and murdering 17-year-old Hanit Kikos in 1993. Obeid was convicted of murder by a majority of six to three and of rape by seven to two.

The judgment came within the context of an additional session held by the court on Obeid's appeal, after he was earlier found innocent of murdering Kikos and was convicted of raping her.

Kikos disappeared from her home in Ofakim on June 10, 1993, on her way to Beersheba. She was last seen trying to hitch a ride on the Ofakim-Beersheba road.

Obeid was arrested eight days after her disappearance, based on the fact that, on the night she disappeared, he showed up for work an hour and a half early at the Dudaim garbage dump in order to wash his car.

Four days after his arrest, Obeid admitted to an informer planted in his cell by the police that he had raped and murdered Kikos. He later gave investigators a statement to this effect, which he then told the police plant was false.

Obeid made additional confessions to his investigators and carried out two reenactments of the murder. In one confession, he claimed that he threw Kikos's body in the Dudaim garbage dump; in another, he said he threw the body into a pit.

A central claim of the defense in the trial was that weight should not be given to Obeid's confessions, because of the borderline mental retardation from which he suffers. The majority opinion, however, accepted his confessions as genuine. (Itim)

Cornerstone laid for Reform center

Donor Charles Schusterman and granddaughter Lauren lay the cornerstone yesterday for the Samson Center, the Movement for Progressive Judaism's new center for culture, education, and information in Jerusalem. The $15 million project behind Hebrew Union College was kicked off with a $5m. donation from Oklahoma gas magnate Schusterman and is named for his father. The center will include a 400-seat theater, a conference center, a large hall, study halls, and a guest house. Attending the ceremony were Minister of Industry and Trade Natan Sharansky and Jewish Agency Chairman Avraham Burg. (Brian Hendler)

Pines slams Edelstein for sending Falash Mura to settlements

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Labor MK Ophir Pines said yesterday that Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein abused his authority by giving in to right-wing politics and placing Falash Mura immigrants in the settlements.

Pines, speaking at a Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee discussion on the issue, said the government had cynically used the immigrants. He said the Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza wants them to expand the settlements and to bring in hundreds of caravans and millions of shekels worth of development budgets, which they are receiving for accepting the Falash Mura.

Pines protested the efforts to force the immigrants to become settlers, adding that bringing them to the territories would lead to strong protests against Israel, which would endanger the effort to bring more such immigrants here.

He demanded that Edelstein put an immediate stop to the policy of bringing the immigrants to the settlements, adding that it was two-faced, slanderous and a lie to say that there is no one who will absorb several hundred Ethiopian immigrants within the state's borders.

Currently, Falash Mura are being placed in Ofra, as well as several communities within the Green Line.

Yesterday's discussion was held more or less along party lines. Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) said that "the residents of Judea and Samaria have taken upon themselves the absorption of the Falash Mura as a Zionist national task. This is one of the more successful absorptions we have seen."

She accused Labor MK Adisu Massala, who on Monday went to Ofra and tried to convince Falash Mura there to leave the settlement, of deliberately misleading people while trying to serve narrow political goals.

Massala said that in his visit to Ofra yesterday the immigrants looked scared, frustrated and disappointed. He quoted one as saying: "They threw us here. They forbade us to visit the grocery store until we pass medical tests. It would have been better to remain in Ethiopia."

An Absorption Ministry spokesman rejected the criticism by Massala and Pines, saying they were fully aware of efforts being made to try to find communities willing to absorb the Falash Mura.

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RUSSIAN PRESS REVIEW

By YOSEF BEGUN

Yisrael Ba'aliya update

Roman Moscovitch in *Lutch* sums up two years of Yisrael Ba'aliya's activities in the Knesset.

Before the 1996 elections, he says, party leader Natan Sharansky vowed he would not accept anything but the Housing portfolio. But this "fashionable" post was intercepted by United Torah Judaism. As a result, inexpensive state-subsidized dwellings are being allocated mainly to the haredi population and not to new immigrants.

The concept of public housing is disappearing, he writes.

"If the State of Israel fails to guarantee basic housing conditions to new immigrants in need, the Law of Return should be reconsidered," says Moscovitch.

High unemployment

Dimitri Ladyzhensky in *Novosti Nedeli* analyzes the reasons for our relatively high unemployment rate. Attitudes to the figures, he says, are more political than professional.

Conclusions are being widely made based more on one's political positions than on the objective circumstances. There are private and/or group interests which often determine the position of an "expert" who fails to take into account the laws of economics, he says.

He cites the example of the Manufacturers Association, led by Dan Propper.

"Every report on the increase in unemployment is a feast for them. They immediately start to complain, particularly about Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, about heavy taxation, high interest on loans, the 'incorrect' shekel rate, etc. Everything seems to be logical, but this is Propper & Co.'s logic, not an economic one."

Ladyzhensky suggests comparing the rates of profit that are assumed to be the norm in Israeli and in American businesses. Israeli entrepreneurs often declare bankruptcy at the same level of profits that their US counterparts would consider optimal, he says. Unlike in the West, Israeli businessmen do not reduce their personal earnings when their company is in crisis. Moreover, he says, typical Israeli egoism is reflected in the moving of businesses to Jordan or the Far East, where labor is cheaper.

And let us not forget the rapidly increasing numbers of foreign workers here, he adds.

Meretz's two faces

Every party or political movement has its typical modes of behavior, or "facial expressions," as Dov Kontorer calls them in *Vesti*. The characteristic features of the Meretz party are energy, assertiveness, tough intonations, and readiness to lash out at any moment. You can see it by observing Meretz leaders in Israel, says Kontorer. But how do they behave abroad?

He cites as an example a recent Meretz delegation that went to Jordan.

"Look at Yossi Sarid or any of his comrades when they were in King Hussein's palace. What tender emotion! What sweet faces! Every member of the delegation bit his lip – just as US President Bill Clinton does – to demonstrate how difficult it is for them to show restraint in the presence of beloved friends.

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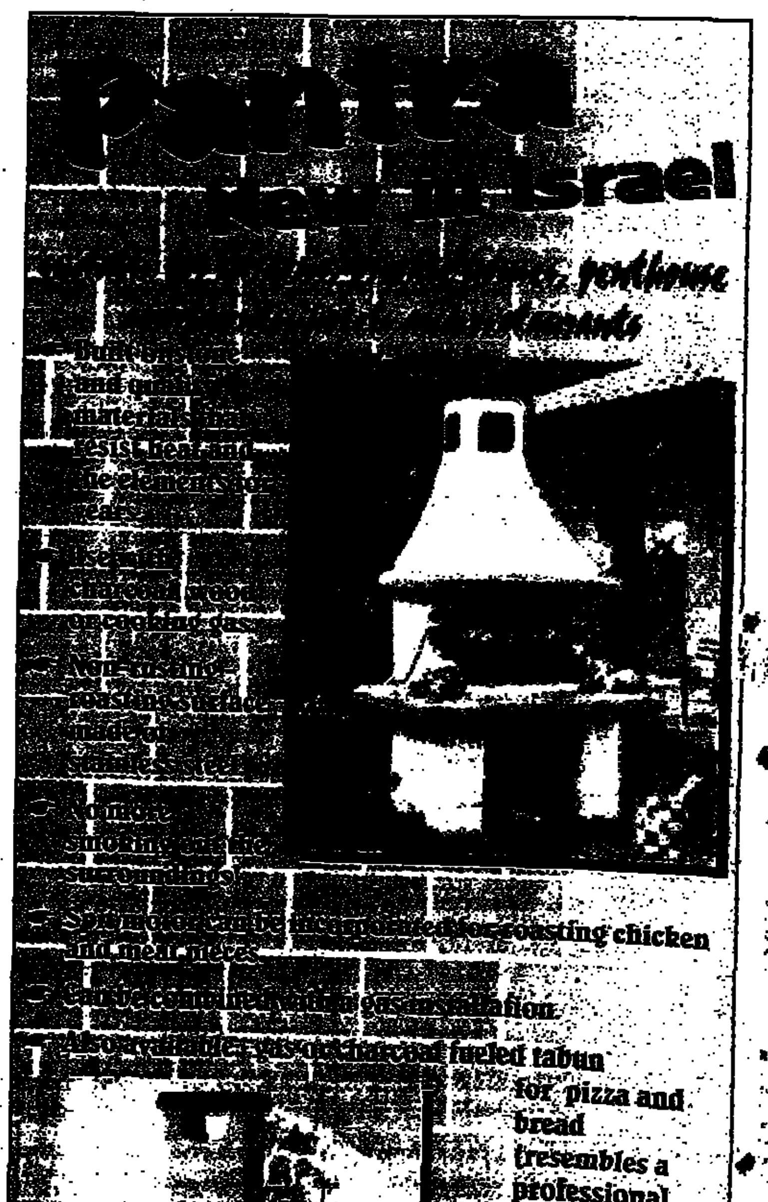


Yankees edge Clemens, Jays 1-0

NEW YORK (AP) – The New York Yankees beat Roger Clemens for the second time in less than a week and won for the 14th time in 15 games, with a 1-0 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Monday.

Clemens (2-3) allowed just three hits in seven innings, and struck out eight to pass 2,900 for his career. But the four-time AL Cy Young winner was done in by his control, walking six as he lost at Yankee Stadium for just the fourth time in 14 career decisions.

Former executive Gabe Paul dies

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) – Gabe Paul, the baseball executive who helped George Steinbrenner buy the New York Yankees, died this weekend. He was 88.

"Gabe Paul was a dear friend and the most knowledgeable baseball man I ever met in my 25 years in the game," Steinbrenner said.

Paul helped put together pennant-winning teams for the Cincinnati Reds and Yankees, including New York's 1977 World Series winners. He also was GM of the Cleveland Indians.

Andy Pettitte (4-2), who beat Clemens 9-1 at Toronto on April 22, got a third-inning sacrifice fly from Tino Martinez and survived a line-drive double play off his hip to win his fourth straight start. Pettitte gave up seven hits in 5⅔ innings, struck out seven and walked none.

Red Sox 6, Indians 5

Midre Cummings and Darren Lewis hit eighth-inning homers to give host Boston another comeback win.

The Tigers lost their fifth straight and dropped to 4-17, matching their worst start ever. Detroit has ost 11 in a row on the road.

Athletics 7, Devil Rays 6

-vin Mitchell drove in three two of them on a ninth-inning :. to give Oakland a road vic-

:hell delivered the game-winnit off Roberto Hernandez (0-., who walked the bases loaded before blowing a a save opportunity for the second time in four tries.

Angels 3, Orioles 1

Chuck Finley won his 14th straight decision as visiting Anaheim extended its winning streak to five games.

Finley (4-0) gave up four hits over eight innings, struck out nine and walked six. His winning streak, which began last July 1, is three short of the AL record held by Johnny Allen and Dave McNally.

Rangers 9, Twins 4

Rick Helling joined teammate Aaron Sele as the majors' only five-game winners and Lee Stevens homered as Texas won on the road.

Helling, who left after allowing two hits in the ninth, joined Sele and Kevin Brown (1990) as the only Rangers pitchers to win their first five starts in a season. Sele picked up his fifth victory Sunday.

Stevens tied a club record with his eighth homer in April, and Juan Gonzalez drove in another run, giving him 33 in the month – one shy of Tino Martinez's major league record.

White Sox 10, Indians 3

Robin Ventura went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and rookie Mike Caruso hit a two-run triple, leading Chicago to a home win.

Ventura doubled in the fourth, hit an RBI single in the fifth, an RBI triple in the sixth and a single in the eighth. He has three four-hit games this season.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Cardinals 7, Expos 0

Donovan Osborne ended a long drought and kept Carlos Perez's going, allowing three hits in seven scoreless innings as St. Louis won at home.

Osborne, who missed the first two weeks of the season with a groin injury that held him back last season, won for the first time since beating Kansas City last August. He struck out four, walked three and helped himself with a diving stop of Vladimir Guerrero's liner in the sixth.

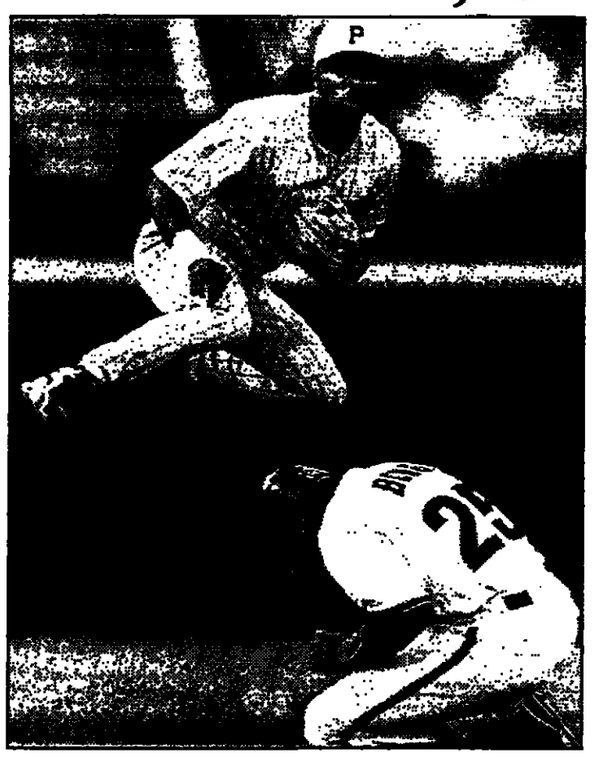
The Expos, who lost to Houston 15-0 Sunday, haven't scored in their last 21 innings.

Reds 3, Phillies 1

Eddie Taubensee hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth and Brett Tomko allowed only three hits in eight innings.

Taubensee's homer decided a pitching matchup between Tomko and Tyler Green (2-2), each of whom allowed one run and three hits through the first eight innings.

Cincinnati's Reggie Sanders and Philadelphia's Gregg Jefferies left the game after hurting themselves in collisions with the outfield wall.



TWIN KILLING – Pirates SS Tony Womack sails over Giants Barry Boinds to complete a double play in first-inning action. San Francisco won 6-5. (Reuters)

Astros 4, Mets 3

Tony Eusebio's RBI double capped a three-run ninth inning as visiting Houston rallied in a make-up of a rained out game.

Marlins 5, Rockies 4 (10)

Bobby Bonilla's first homer of the season, a solo shot in the top of the 10th off Curtis Leskanic, rallied Florida.

Bonilla, who had three hits and two RBIs, sent a 3-2 fastball from Leskanic (1-3) into the right-field stands to break a 4-4 tie.

Braves 6, Diamondbacks 5

Keith Lockhart's RBI single with one out in the ninth inning lifted Atlanta to an away victory.

The Braves blew a 5-3 lead in the eighth before beating Arizona for the fourth straight time.

Cubs 3, Padres 1

Sammy Sosa hit a two-run homer and Kevin Tapani shook off being struck by a broken bat to win his fourth straight decision as Chicago snapped a five-game losing streak with a road win.

The Padres have lost consecutive games for the first time this year.

Tapani was hit on the left thigh by the barrel of Archi Cianfrocco's bat in the fourth inning. Tapani fielded the comebacker and threw out Cianfrocco to end the inning. He stayed in the game and pitched eight strong innings, allowing one run and five hits.

Giants 6, Pirates 5

Jeff Kent's RBI single capped a two-run ninth off Rich Loiselle (1-2) as host San Francisco rallied in its final at-bat for the second straight game.

The Giants overcame a 5-0 deficit and have now come back to win eight times this season. On Sunday, they rallied from six runs down and got two homers in the ninth to defeat Milwaukee.

Brewers 3, Dodgers 2 (13)

Jeromy Burnitz hit a two-out RBI single in the top of the 13th for Milwaukee.

Burnitz hit an 0-2 pitch from Frank Lankford (0-2) into right field, scoring Fernando Vina from second. The throw from right fielder Raul Mondesi skipped by catcher Tom Prince.

who would have had a close play at the plate.

Jeff Cirillo and Vina had singled to start the 13th, but Lankford recorded two outs before Burnitz, hitless in five previous at-bats with four strikeouts, came through.

The run was the first allowed by Los Angeles' bullpen in 34 2/3 innings.

Al Reyes (2-0), the sixth Milwaukee pitcher, blanked the Dodgers over the final two innings to earn the victory.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	15	5	.750	⅟
Boston	17	6	.739	—
Baltimore	13	11	.542	4½
Tampa Bay	11	12	.478	6
Toronto	9	14	.391	8
Central Division				
Cleveland	13	10	.565	—
Kansas City	10	14	.417	3½
Minnesota	10	14	.417	3½
Chicago	9	13	.409	3½
Detroit	4	17	.190	8
West Division				
Texas	16	7	.696	—
Anaheim	13	10	.565	3
Seattle	11	13	.458	5½
Oakland	9	14	.391	7

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	16	9	.640	—
New York	13	9	.591	1½
Philadelphia	11	12	.478	4
Florida	9	16	.360	7
Montreal	7	17	.292	8½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	16	8	.667	—
Houston	15	10	.600	1½
St. Louis	15	10	.600	1½
Chicago	13	12	.520	3½
Cincinnati	11	13	.458	5
Pittsburgh	11	14	.440	5½
West Division				
San Diego	17	7	.708	—
San Francisco	13	12	.520	4½
Los Angeles	12	12	.500	5
Colorado	10	16	.385	8
Arizona	7	19	.269	11

SPORTS in brief

Ronaldo, three others get big suspensions

MILAN (AP) – Inter Milan star Ronaldo was given a two-game suspension yesterday by the Italian League for criticizing the referee who officiated in his club's controversial loss at Juventus.

Inter Milan coach Luigi Simoni and Brazilian midfielder Ze Elias are both out for the rest of the league season with three-game suspensions, while Chile's Ivan Zamorano will sit out two matches.

Leeds plan to boost Elland Road capacity

LONDON (Reuters) – English premier league club Leeds United plan to increase the capacity of their Elland Road stadium to 45,000 from its current 40,000, chairman Chris Akers said yesterday.

Leeds intend to spend some £10 million on refurbishing the West Stand of the stadium and adding an additional tier. They hope to start the work by the middle of next year and complete it by early 2001.

Lombardo may stay at relegated Palace

LONDON (Reuters) – Italian Attilio Lombardo is considering staying at Crystal Palace to help their fight to return to the English premier league next season.

Player-coach Lombardo feels partially responsible for Palace's relegation to the first division which was confirmed when they were beaten 3-0 at home by Manchester United on Monday.

Lombardo said: "Of course I have responsibility for the results in the games since I took over but the situation was already really tough.

"I am still committed to Crystal Palace. No matter what happens we must continue to play with dignity." The south London club may find it difficult to keep the Italian international following relegation, though Lombardo has made it clear he is settled in London and happy to continue playing there.

West Brom sack self-confessed drug user

LONDON (Reuters) – English first division West Bromwich Albion sacked defender Shane Nicholson yesterday after he admitted a drugs misconduct charge at a Football Association (FA) hearing last week.

Nicholson, 27, admitted having failed to submit to a drugs test and confirmed he had been a frequent drug user for several years.

No equal pay for women at Wimbledon

LONDON (Reuters) – Wimbledon's prize money will rise 4.7 percent this year but the organizers of the world's most prestigious tennis tournament will continue to pay the men's champion more than the women's winner.

The men's champion will receive £435,000 ($727,000) and the women's winner £391,500. Total prize money will total £7.21 million.

The Women's Tennis Association (WTA) has called for many years for Wimbledon to pay men and women equally like the US Open.

But wimbledon chairman John Curry said there was greater interest among spectators in the men's game and less depth in women's tennis. "We can't on a commercial basis meet their demands on this," he told a news conference.

Kings sing the Blues

INGLEWOOD (AP) – Terry Yake scored the go-ahead goal at 15:06 of the third period, capping a four-goal barrage during a five-minute power play, as the St. Louis Blues rallied to beat the Los Angeles Kings 4-3 and take a 3-0 in their best-of-7 playoff series on Monday.

Leading 3-0 after two periods, the Kings appared to have their first win of the playoff series in hand when Sean O'Donnell was hit with a devastating game misconduct.

O'Donell got tossed at 8:44 for going after Geoff Courtnall, who had charged Kings rookie goalie Jamie Storr. O'Donnell jumped on Courtnal and tossed a variety of punches. Courtnall didn't retaliate and eventually skated away with a charging minor, which was offset by an Laerriere's boarding minor.

O'Donnell's penalty set up a five-minute power play for the Blues, who scored four straight goals by Rheaume, Brett Hull, Pierre and Yake during a span of to take a 4-3 lead. Ian iere, Yanic Perreault and O'Donnell each scored his first career playoff goal for the Kings, who fell behind 3-0 in the best-of-7 series.

Canadiens 3, Penguins 1

Shayne Corson scored two goals and host Montreal shook off its home-ice jitters.

The win gave Montreal a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference series. Game 4 is set for tonight at the Molson Centre.

Martin Rucinsky had a goal for Montreal in the first period after Jaromir Jagr opened the scoring for the Penguins.

A less-than sellout crowd of 20,520 saw the Canadiens come out on top of a stifling defensive battle – holding the Penguins scoreless on six power-play opportunities while going 1-for-4 themselves with the man advantage.

Sabres 6, Flyers 1

Miroslav Satan scored two goals and host Buffalo scored four times in the second period.

Satan scored in each of the first two periods as the Sabres built a 5-0 lead and thoroughly outplayed the Flyers to take a 2-1 lead in the seven-game Eastern Conference series. Game 4 will be played tonight in Buffalo.

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It's all White on the night

IT'S that time of year again – the football season is ending, the cricket season beginning and the nation is glued to the television watching the snooker world championships from the famous Crucible Theater in Sheffield.

Yes, it's the sport that some say isn't sport, with the waistcoats, bow ties and the white-gloved, quiet-spoken referees and of course, BBC anchorman David Vine making the occasion as English as the strawberries and cream at another famous sporting venue.

This year the Crucible event has a little more spice than usual with the re-emergence of Jimmy White as a possible winner.

For the uninitiated, White is the nearly man of the World Championship, having lost three times in the final, most famously in 1994 when missing an easy black ball in the final against his old adversary Stephen Hendry.

But this year, White is back in style, having enlisted the help of Advance Training, a north-based occupational psychology consultancy which specializes in "mind techniques" to improve performance and profitability of organizations and individuals.

Given that White had to go through the ignonimity of actually qualifying for the finals as he had dropped out of the world's top 16 rankings, his performance to date in Sheffield has been nothing short of miraculous.

In the first round, he demolished Hendry 10-4, and without seemingly taking the trouble to chalk his cue, came out and dispatched Darren Morgan 13-4 in the second round.

White's break of 143 in the seventh frame is an early tournament leader for the £19,000 highest break prize, and as BBC TV commentator and former world champion Dennis Taylor said: "I have never seen Jimmy in such terrific form."

White meets fellow-Londoner Ronnie O'Sullivan in today's quarterfinal, and there will be more than a few people sweating on the result, one chap in particular, who put £1000 for White to win the tournament at 12-1.

O'Sullivan will be no pushover following his victory in the Masters in November. Like so many of today's players his natural inclination is to attack at every opportunity and the match with White promises to be a classic.

London Calling

Mark Rivlin

ARSENAL march on towards the Premiership title, although Manchester United have not given up hope of a slip-up by the Gunners. And what price Arsenal to slip up at Liverpool who will be seeking revenge on what happened on the last day of the season in 1990.

There is much to play for at the bottom of the table, and who would have thought at the start of the season that Everton would be in danger of the big drop.

And drop is the word – the Merseysiders have not been out of the top division since 1954, but given that they are away at Arsenal on Sunday in their penultimate game, and Bolton – after their excellent win at Aston Villa on Saturday – entertain already-relegated Crystal Palace, could yet catch Everton.

On Saturday, Everton were beaten at home by Sheffield Wednesday. Whatever excuses are offered by manager Howard Kendall, he could not have complained about his players being unable to see the ball. The game was chosen as a trial for the snazzily named Ultimo Fluo Flare Ball which has a bright fluorescent yellow color and which is supposed to help the eye to attune to more clearly than to a white ball – all eyes except the Everton defence's, that is.

And poor old Andy Booth saw yellow and indeed red, after being sent off by referee Graham Barber for the terrible offense of lashing the ball into the net after Barber had blown for offside.

It wasn't much better for the other Liverpool club. Losing 4-1 at Chelsea was clearly a very bad result. But manager Roy Evans, generally perceived as one of the nicer people involved in football, would not let the matter rest and accused his players of throwing in the towel, and even threatened to axe some of the stars.

Star of the weekend was undoubtedly Tottenham's David Ginola who followed an exquisite performance in the 2-0 victory over Newcastle with a philosophical discussion about football after the game. "It is a beautiful game, players should play beautifully on the field and use all of their body to control the ball, and of course, they should enjoy playing. I enjoy playing." Slightly more pleasing to the ear than your average "the-lads-are-over-the-moon" stock answer.

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Response: Bobby Brown, Advisor to the Prime Minister for Diaspora Affairs

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Closing comments: Gerald Steinberg, Director of Program in Conflict Resolution, Bar-Ilan

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Cavs halt Pacers' sweep; Spurs 2-1 up

CLEVELAND (AP) – With a determined, emphatic performance that awakened a slumbering team and its fans, Shawn Kemp made sure Larry Bird won't sweep his first playoff series as a coach.

Kemp scored 31 points as Cleveland avoided elimination with its first home playoff win in five years, an 86-77 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Monday night.

Asserting himself so ferociously that even courtside fans were pointing and screaming, "Give it to him," Kemp sealed the victory with a 16-foot jumper that made it 84-77 with 29 seconds left.

Fans who have been sitting on their hands seemingly since the Cavs moved into Gund Arena in 1994 responded as Kemp danced at halfcourt – two hip thrusts and two kicks that got the place as loud as it has ever been.

When the final buzzer sounded, Kemp pumped up the crowd again with the universal symbol for "raise the roof." And that was nothing compared to what he did during the game.

Kemp, whose Seattle SuperSonics were the last team to lose a best-of-5 series after leading 2-0, made 11 of 21 shots and pulled down seven rebounds. Whatever combination of defenders Bird put on him, he dominated.

The Pacers, who won the first two games of the series at Market Square Arena, now must play Game 4 tomorrow night. Only five teams have come back from 2-0 deficits in best-of-5 series.

Rik Smits led Indiana with 26 points on 11-for-17 shooting before fouling out with 86 seconds left. Reggie Miller had 18 points despite being hampered by a sore left leg that he stretched and limped on during the second half.

Spurs 100, Suns 88

On the day he was named Rookie of the Year, Tim Duncan looked like anything but a raw rookie.

Duncan scored 22 points and keyed a crucial third-quarter rally as host San Antonio took a 2-1 lead in their NBA playoff series.

Duncan teamed with David Robinson in the third-quarter scoring binge as the Spurs grabbed a double-digit lead by outscoring the Suns 27-15 in the period. At one point, the two 7-footers took turns dunking off passes from the other.

San Antonio held a 71-59 advantage entering the final period after the score was tied at halftime.

The Spurs, trying to match up better with the smaller Phoenix players, abandoned their "Triple Towers" lineup and started 6-foot-4 shooting guard Vinny Del Negro in place of 7-foot center Will Perdue.

Antonio McDyess led the Suns with 26 points and 17 rebounds.

The best-of-5 series resumes tonight at the Alamodome.

Indiana	27	15	19	16–77
Cleveland	22	22	21	21–86

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CLEVELAND (86) Henderson 4-9 1-3 9, Kemp 11-21 9-10 31, Ilgauskas 5-12 3-8 13, Knight 4-8 3-6 11, Person 2-5 2-2 7, Anderson 2-4 7-8 11, Potapenko 2-4 0-0 4, Sura 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-64 25-37 86.

Fouled out–Smits. Rebounds–Indiana 38 (D.Davis 9), Cleveland 49 (Kemp, Knight 7). Assists–Indiana 25 (Jackson 17), Cleveland 21 (Henderson, Knight, Anderson 5). Technicals–D.Davis, Anderson, Cleveland illegal defense. A–17,495.

Phoenix	17	27	15	29–88
San Antonio	20	24	27	29–100

PHOENIX (88) McCloud 7-13 2-2 18, McDyess 11-23 4-7 26, C.Robinson 1-7 0-0 2, Chapman 1-9 0-0 2, Kidd 6-13 4-5 16, K.Johnson 5-9 5-5 15, Scott 1-3 0-0 2, Bryant 1-3 0-0 2, Nash 2-2 1-2 5, J.Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Milic 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-84 16-21 88.

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NBA Playoff Glance
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(Best-of-5)

Monday
Cleveland 86, Indiana 77
(Indiana leads series 2-1)
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(San Antonio leads series 2-1)
Last night
Miami at New York
(Series tied 1-1)
Charlotte at Atlanta
(Charlotte leads series 2-0)
Seattle at Minnesota
(Series tied 1-1)
L.A. Lakers at Portland
(Lakers lead series 2-0)
Today
Chicago at New Jersey
(Chicago leads series 2-0)
Phoenix at San Antonio
Utah at Houston
(Series tied 1-1)

ROBINSON VS. ROBINSON – Spurs' David (r) goes up f rebound against Suns' Cliff. San Antonio won 100-88.

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Joe Hoffman & Ori Lewis

Juniors draw 1-1 with Ukraine

Israel's national junior (under-16) soccer side last night drew 1-1 with Ukraine the European Championships currently taking place in Scotland.

Yaniv Katan scored the equalizer in injury time to secure Israel's second 1-1 result in the championships.

Katan also scored Israel's goal in the 1-1 draw with Russia on Sunday, but then it was the Russians' turn to equalize in injury time.

Ori Lewis

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World Cup ticket sa rolls on, 55,000 left

PARIS (Reuters) – France's World Cup organizers said they had sold 14,000 more tickets by telephone yesterday, leaving another 55,000 tickets available for purchase by European fans.

Telephone lines would therefore open again today at 06:00 GMT and remain open until 18:00 GMT for orders, they said, renewing a pledge that operators would remain on the job every day until all the remaining seats were sold.

Five million calls were placed yesterday – four million from France and one million from outside the country.

Tickets sold through World Cup hotlines over the past seven days have totalled 115,000.

Initially, 110,000 tickets were to be sold by telephone. But the total rose to 170,000 after organizers announced on Monday that they had identified an additional 60,000 available seats.

To book tickets, hopeful applicants must call ++-33-149-875-354 and be able to give an address within the European Union.

O'Sullivan storms ahead against White

SHEFFIELD (Reuters) – Jimmy White's quest for the world snooker championship that has repeatedly eluded him was in jeopardy again yesterday when he trailed 7-1 against fellow Briton Ronnie O'Sullivan.

White's first-round in against British former world champion Stephen Hendry was a distant memory as O'Sullivan took command in the opening session of their quarter-final clash at the Crucible Theater.

O'Sullivan began with a centur break to win the first fram and w hardly troubled after that. Th clash resumes today.

The other all-British quarter-f between Peter Ebdon an M Williams was a more keen tested affair. Williams wil today with a 5-3 lead.

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